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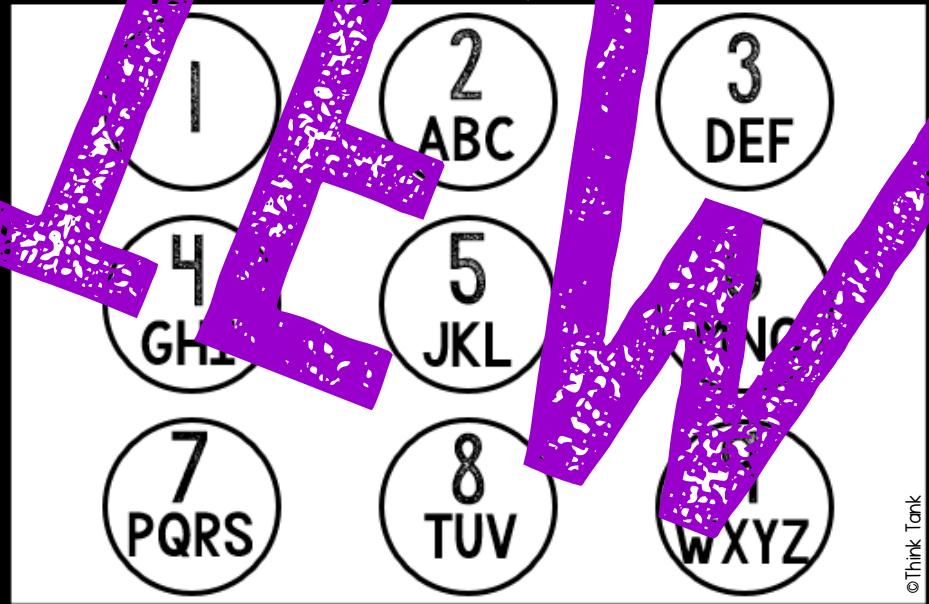
France owned the land from New Orleans at the mouth of the Mississippi River, northeast near the Great Lakes, and northwest to what is now Montana. The French owned more land on the North American continent than either the English or the Spanish.

Spain owned the land West of French Louisiana. They also owned the land that is now Mexico and the land North to present-day Oregon and West along the coast. Spain was a weaker force in Europe at that time, though. They allied themselves with France so the French armies could help protect their landholdings from Great Britain. With this partnership, Spain secretly gave all of its land to France.

Under the Treaty of Fontainebleau in 1762, France surrendered Louisiana to Spain and the U.S. obtained the rights to use the New Orleans ports. However, under the Third Treaty of San Ildefonso, Spain agreed to return Louisiana to France in exchange for territories in Italy.



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READING #3

Meanwhile, the British colonists decided they wanted to run their own nation. The British Parliament (government) and King George III tried the people's rights. They began to question why a king who lived across the ocean was in charge. During the Revolutionary War, the people in the British colonies fought for independence from Great Britain starting in 1775. The colonists won, and the United States became a new independent nation.

The land of the United States now included the land from the East coast of the continent all the way to the Mississippi River. However, New Orleans, the city at the mouth of the river at the Gulf of Mexico, belonged to France. The French had always allowed people to go through New Orleans and use their ports in the Gulf of Mexico, but then something changed for France.

In 1802, the U.S. lost the right to trade in the port of New Orleans under the Spanish Intendant, Juan Morales.



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READING #4

After the British colonies became independent, France had their own revolution in Europe and overthrew their king. A new man named Napoleon Bonaparte came into power. Napoleon was a general and military General with dreams of building a new empire.

The people of the United States were uneasy about what his plans were for the land France owned west of the Mississippi River. Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, started looking into buying the land owned by France.

Many government leaders in the United States were against the Louisiana Purchase. They believed Thomas Jefferson didn't have the right to make such a large purchase of land. They also believed the purchase may lead to a war with Spain. Jefferson argued that he had the power to negotiate treaties and the vote barely passed in Congress.



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Read each passage and answer the questions below. Next, use the decoder to solve the puzzle phrase.

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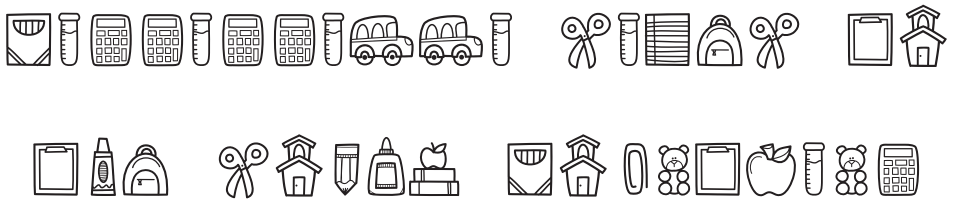
1. The Treaty of ___ ended the French and Indian War.

A. Oswego
B. Versailles
C. [illegible]
D. Paris

2. How did the Louisiana Purchase change the size of America?

A. Doubled the size
B. Tripled the size
C. Quadrupled the size
D. Reduced the size

The Louisiana Purchase stretched from the...



READING 2

3. Under the Treaty of ___, France surrendered Louisiana to Spain.

A. Hidalgo
B. Fontainebleau
C. Oswego
D. Versailles

4. [illegible] owned the land West [illegible] Louisiana?

A. Spain
B. Germany
C. England
D. Ireland

The Louisiana Purchase included land from two...

2-2-6[illegible] 444-2-66

7-7[illegible]-666-[illegible]8-444-66 [illegible]22-33-7777

READING 3

5. At the time, who was the King of England?

A. King George III
B. King James III
C. King George IV
D. King James IV

6. What is the British government also known as?

A. Continental Congress
B. House of Burgesses
C. Grand Senate
D. Parliament

The [illegible] battle [illegible] the American Revolution was the...

3-5, 2-1, 1-5, 1-5, 2-[illegible] [illegible]2-4

1-6, 1-9, 1-4, 2-8, 1-5, 1-9, [illegible]2, 3-6

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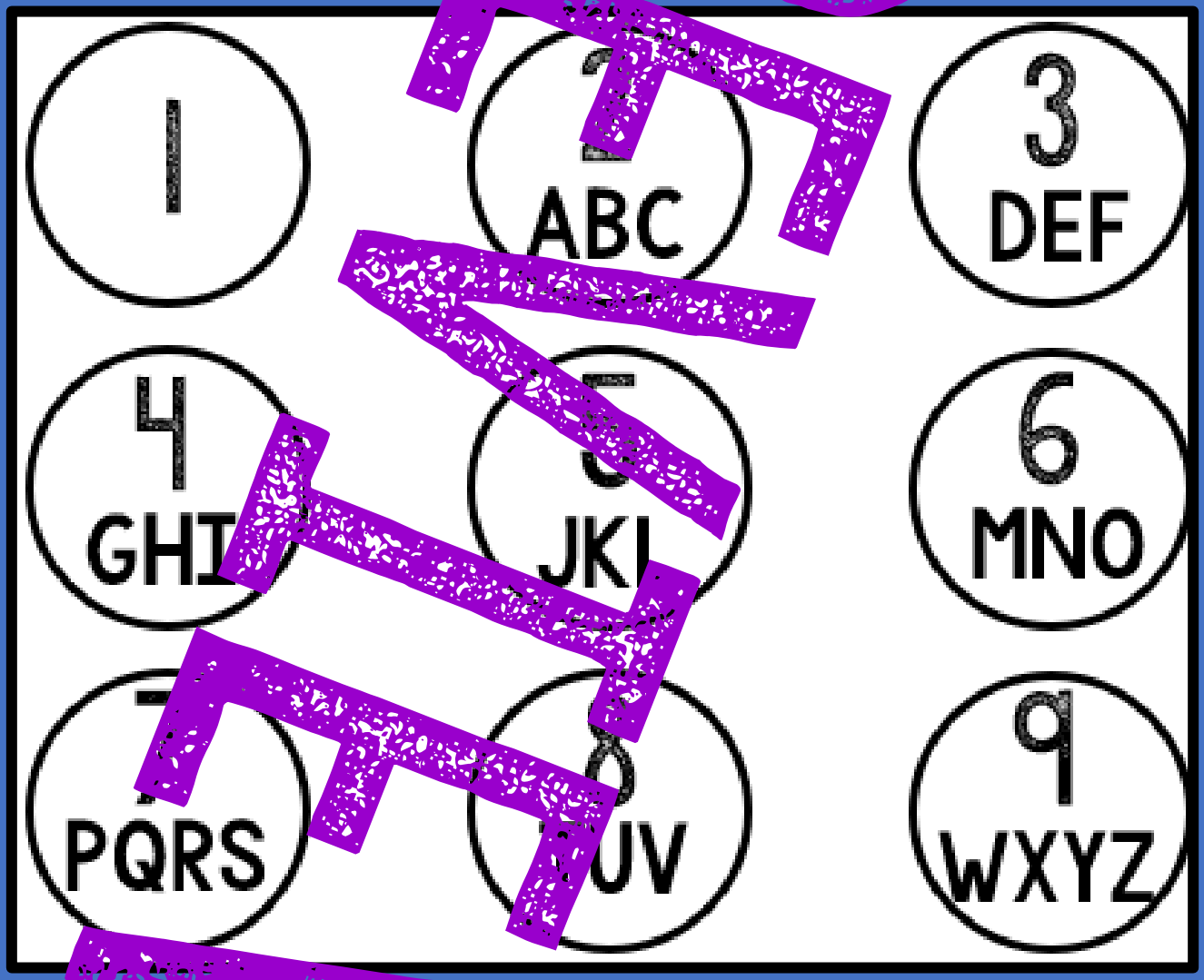
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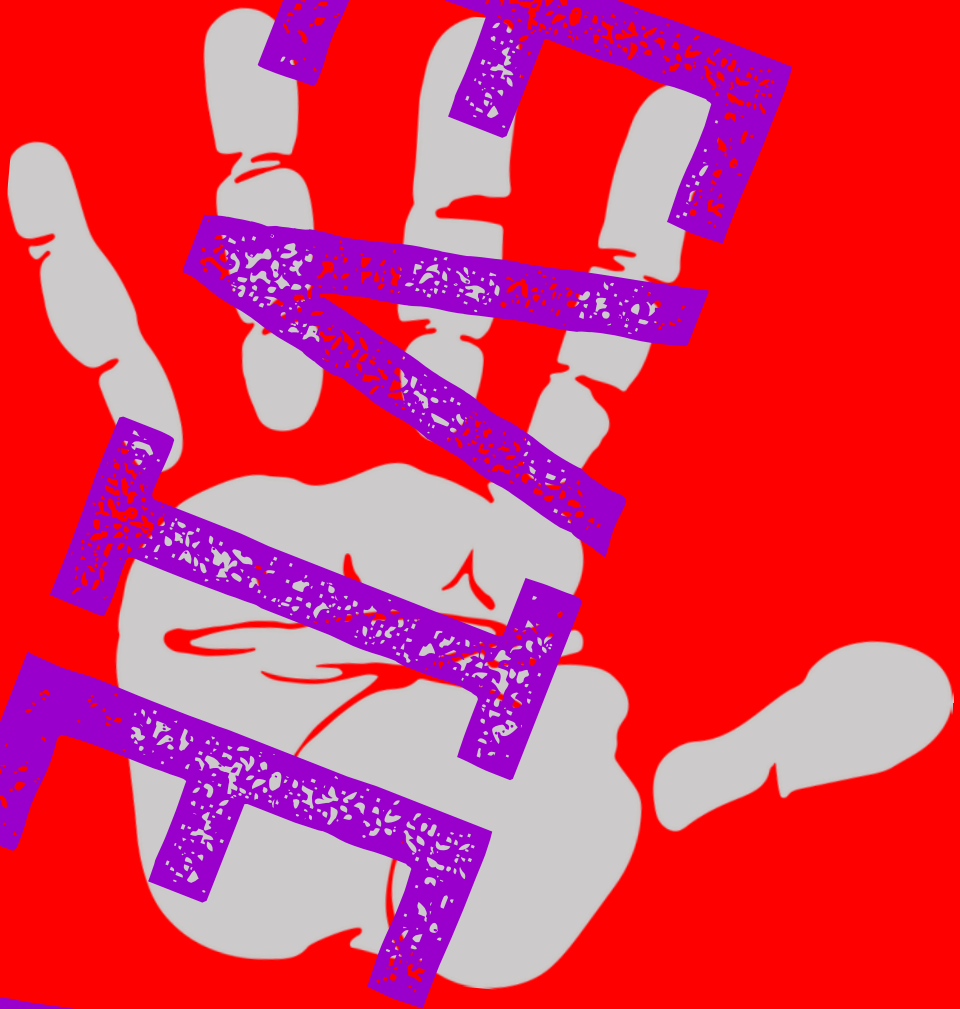
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