ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	This vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will read the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out this final summary graphic organizer.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TEXT

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

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[illegible]os	arts	March
milit[illegible]	Caesar	Consuls

TEXT

After seven kings, Rome turned from a monarchy, or rule by king, into a republic. The Roman Republic was ruled by _____, assemblies, and the Roman Senate from 509 BC to 27 BC. The government later changed from a republic to rule by an emperor or [illegible] 27 BC and lasted until _____ AD.

Julius Caesar gained popularity after _____ victories in Spain throughout the last years of the Roman Republic. Over the course of his life, Julius held many important titles such as consul, tribune of the people, high priest, and high commander of the army. He never _____ a military battle. Other government officials worried that Julius Caesar was becoming too powerful and plotted to kill him. Caesar was assassinated on what is famously known as the Ides of _____, March 15, 44 BC. Even though Julius Caesar was not an emperor, the emperors who replaced his place took his name and title.

Octavian was Julius Caesar's great _____. He had defeated Mark Antony, changed his name to Augustus, and proclaimed himself princeps Civitatus or "First Citizen." He ruled Rome as the first emperor, or _____, for 41 years. Under Augustus was a peaceful time called Pax Romana. Romans were able to pursue education, philosophy, architecture, and the _____.

Tiberius was the next emperor of Rome. He ruled for 23 years and was not a favorite of the people. Tiberius was not an emperor for the people, selfishly isolating himself on the island of Capri and leaving ruthless (cruel) men in charge while he was away.

Known as Caligula, which means "Little Boots," the next Caesar was Gaius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, the adopted grandson of Caesar Augustus. Tiberius named Germanicus as his _____ (next in line) and only served 4 years before being declared insane and later killed.

Tiberius Claudius Nero Germanicus, known as Claudius, was emperor from 41 CE to 54 CE. His 13-year reign began when his nephew Caligula was killed. Claudius

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TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.



SAMPLE

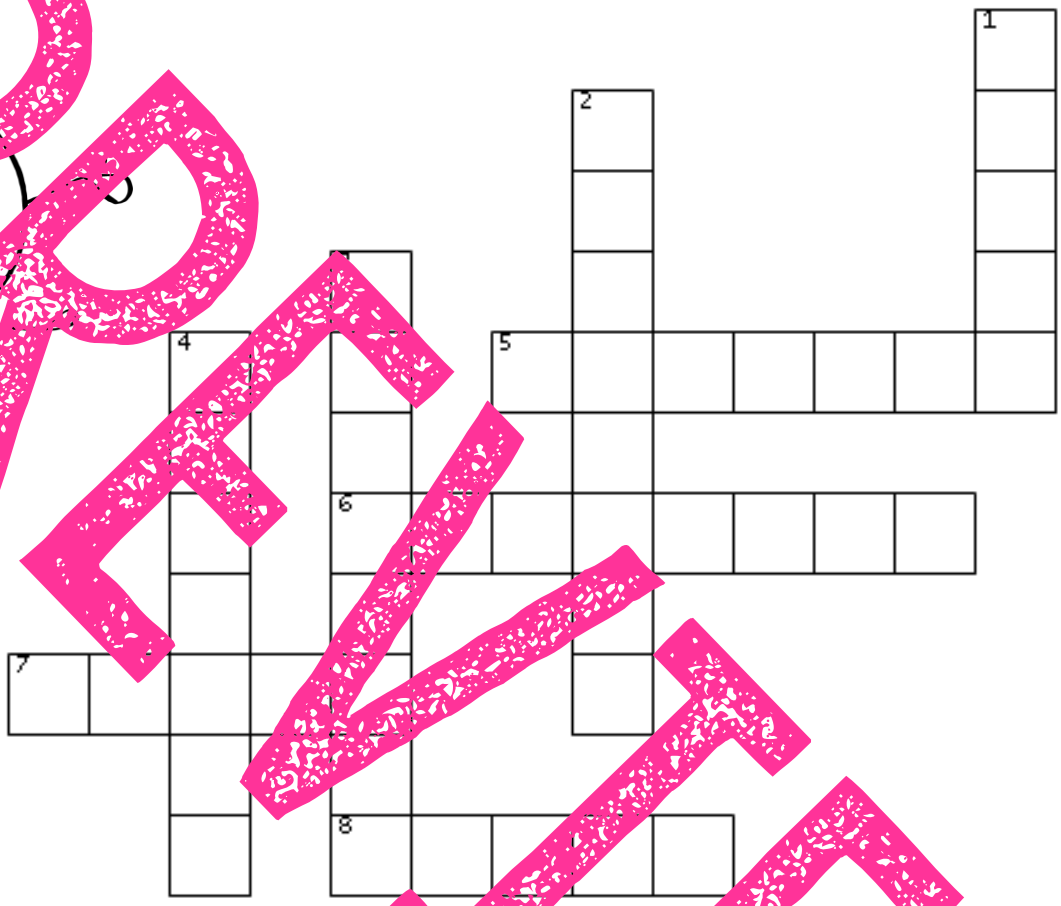
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TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.





ACROSS

5. Augustus proclaimed himself Prin[illegible] Civitatus a[illegible] "First _____"
6. _____ means "Little Boots"
7. Nero focused on diplomacy and _____
8. Galba only reigned for _____ months

DOWN

1. Julius Caesar gained popularity after military victories in _____
2. _____ was the last emperor of the Flavian dynasty
3. Vespasian was the first Emperor to provide salaries for _____
4. Vitellius was the governor of _____



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TASK 6: SUMMARIZE

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ESCAPE ROOMS

SCAVENGER HUNTS

SPY MYSTERY

TEXT DETECTIVE

SECRET MESSAGES

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

READING CHALLENGE

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK

DIGITAL ESCAPES

DIGITAL BOARD GAME

COLOR BY NUMBER

TASK CARDS GAME

GOOGLE SLIDES

GOOGLE FORMS

PUZZLE STATIONS

BOOM CARDS

BLOG