

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Close Reading Activities in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills ~~and~~ 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. **Once they complete this task, they'll use the passage to complete the remaining tasks.**

TASK 2: FIND AND FIX

Students will read 10 INCORRECT statements, find the correct answer in the reading passage and then rewrite the CORRECT sentence.

TASK 3: 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. The end result will be a secret code word.

TASK 4: MAIN IDEA

Students will complete a graphic organizer about the main idea. They will need to write TWO main ideas or summary statements. They will then need to provide 3 pieces of supporting details from the text for each main idea.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

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MIDDLE

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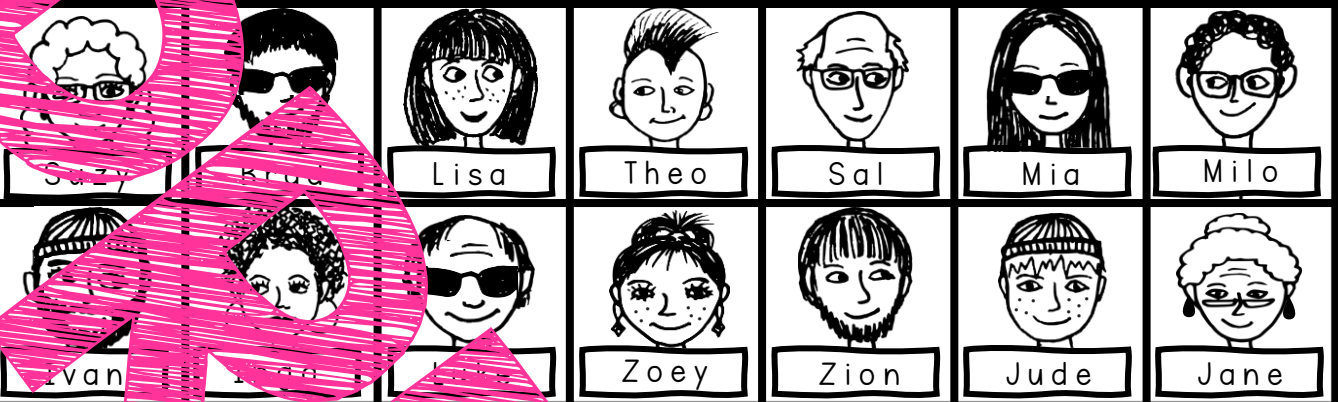
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CASE FILE DOSSIER

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

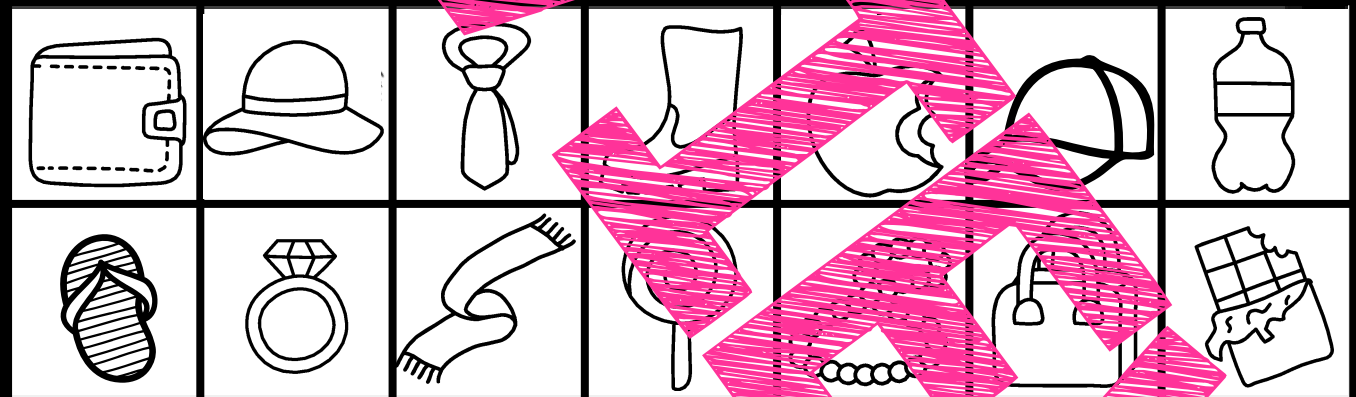
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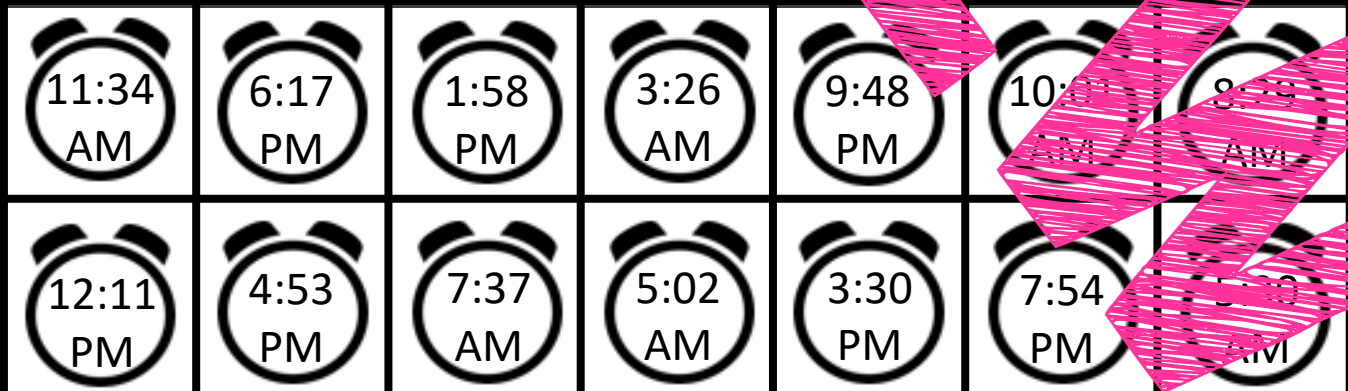
LOCATION



EVIDENCE



TIME





EARN THIS!

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

elects	elect	California
25	435	districts
one	Legislative	Lower

Article I of the US Constitution is the _____

Branch, also known as Congress. Congress is bicameral which means that it is made up of two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each house plays a vital role to ensure that the government is balanced. The main purpose of the House of Representatives is to vote on new legislation (laws) along with various other tasks. The House of Representatives is also known as the _____ House.

The members of the House of Representatives are _____ by the people (constituents) of the state in which they live. Every state has at least one representative, while some states have several. This is based on the population of that state. The states are divided into _____. Each representative can only represent _____ district. A state with a higher population will have a higher number of representatives. For example, New York has a large population and several districts, while Montana has a small population with only one representative for the entire state. _____ has the highest number of representatives. Some states like Alaska, North Dakota, Wyoming and Vermont only have one representative for the entire state.

If a state's population has changed over the years, it may lose or gain representatives. Regardless of those changes, there can only be _____ members in the House of Representatives at any given time. The representatives are redistributed in each state every 10 years to account for the changing populations. In the very first Congress, there were only 65 representatives.

There are qualifications to become a representative listed in the Constitution. The person must be _____ years old. They must have lived in the United States for seven years. They also must live in the state that they hope to represent. If they meet these qualifications, the people can _____ that person to represent them in the House of Representatives for their district. Once

Name:

TASK 2: FIND & FIX



EARN THIS!

Read the INCORRECT statements and FIX the underlined errors on the line below. Rewrite the sentence to make it a CORRECT statement.

1. The House of Representatives is also known as the Upper House.

6. The Legislative Branch is Article II of the U.S. Constitution.

2. Representative in the House serve a six-year term.

7. In the very first Congress, there were only 15 representatives.

3. Janet Reno was the first woman elected to the House in 1916.

8. A state with a higher population will have a higher number of senators.

4. Congress is unicameral which means that it is made up of two houses.

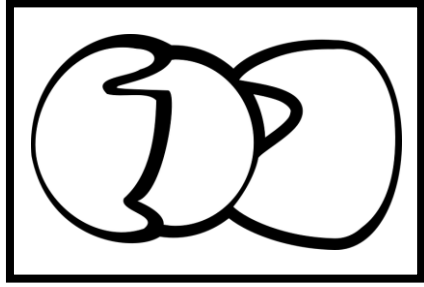
9. There can only be 535 members in the House at any given time.

5. Candidates for the House must be at least 30 years old.

10. The main purpose of the House is to interpret the laws.

SECURITY CLEARANCE: LEVEL 5

LEAD DETECTIVE



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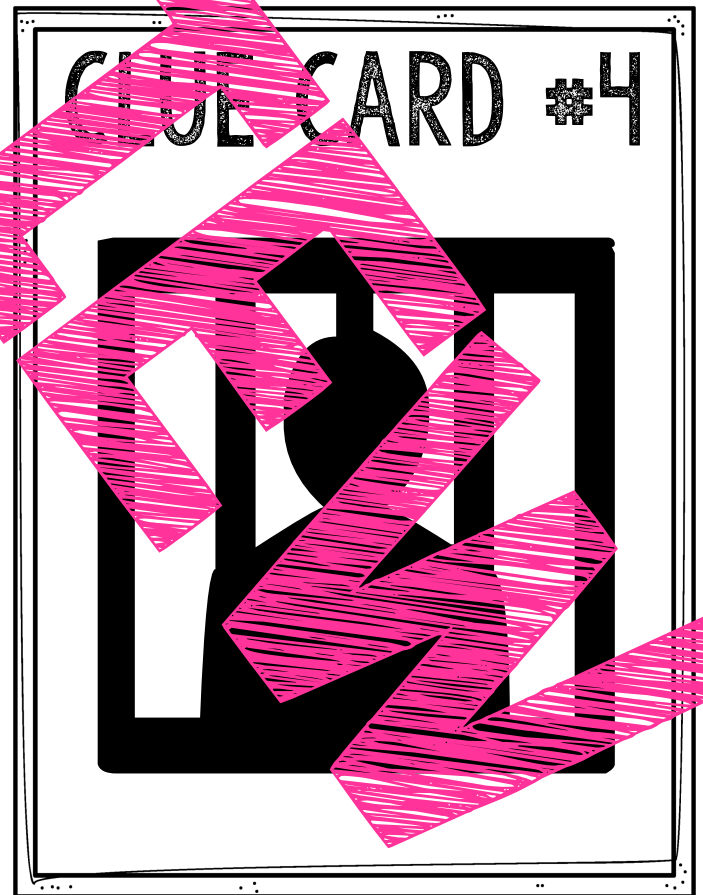
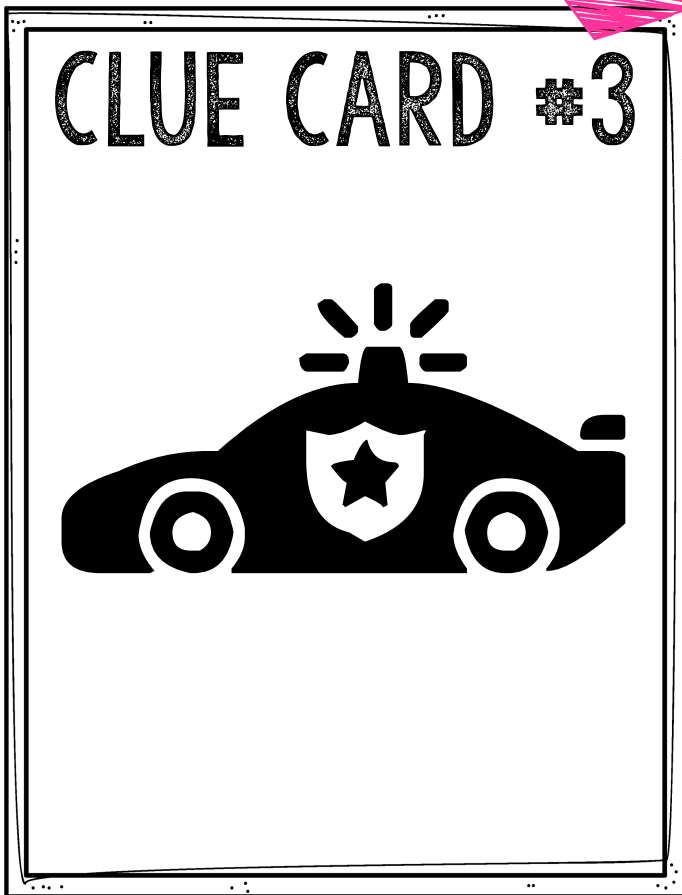
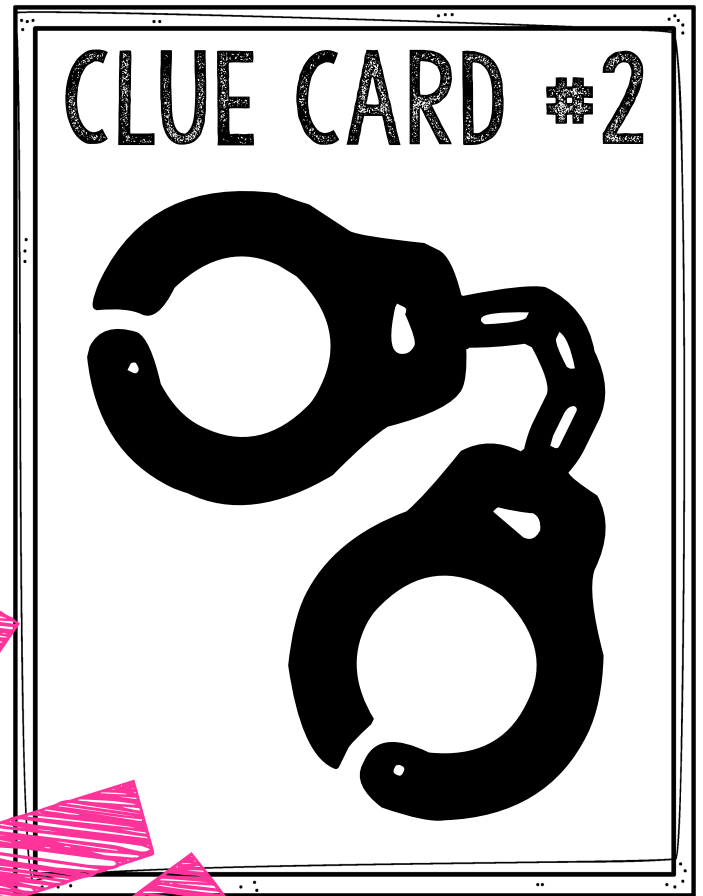
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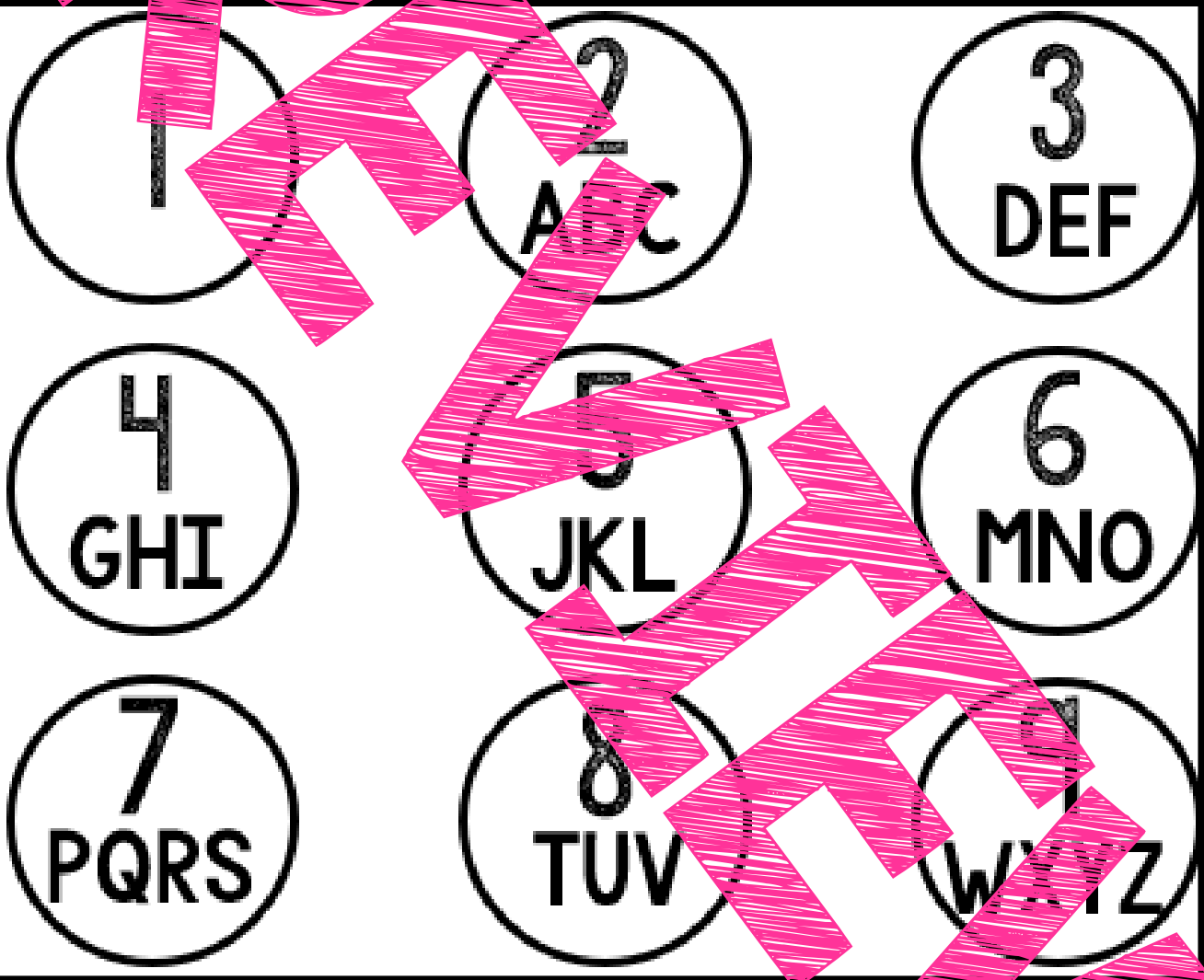
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ENVELOPE OR TABLE TENT LABELS

Stuff the corresponding clue cards in envelopes or pile them by "symbol" on the table.



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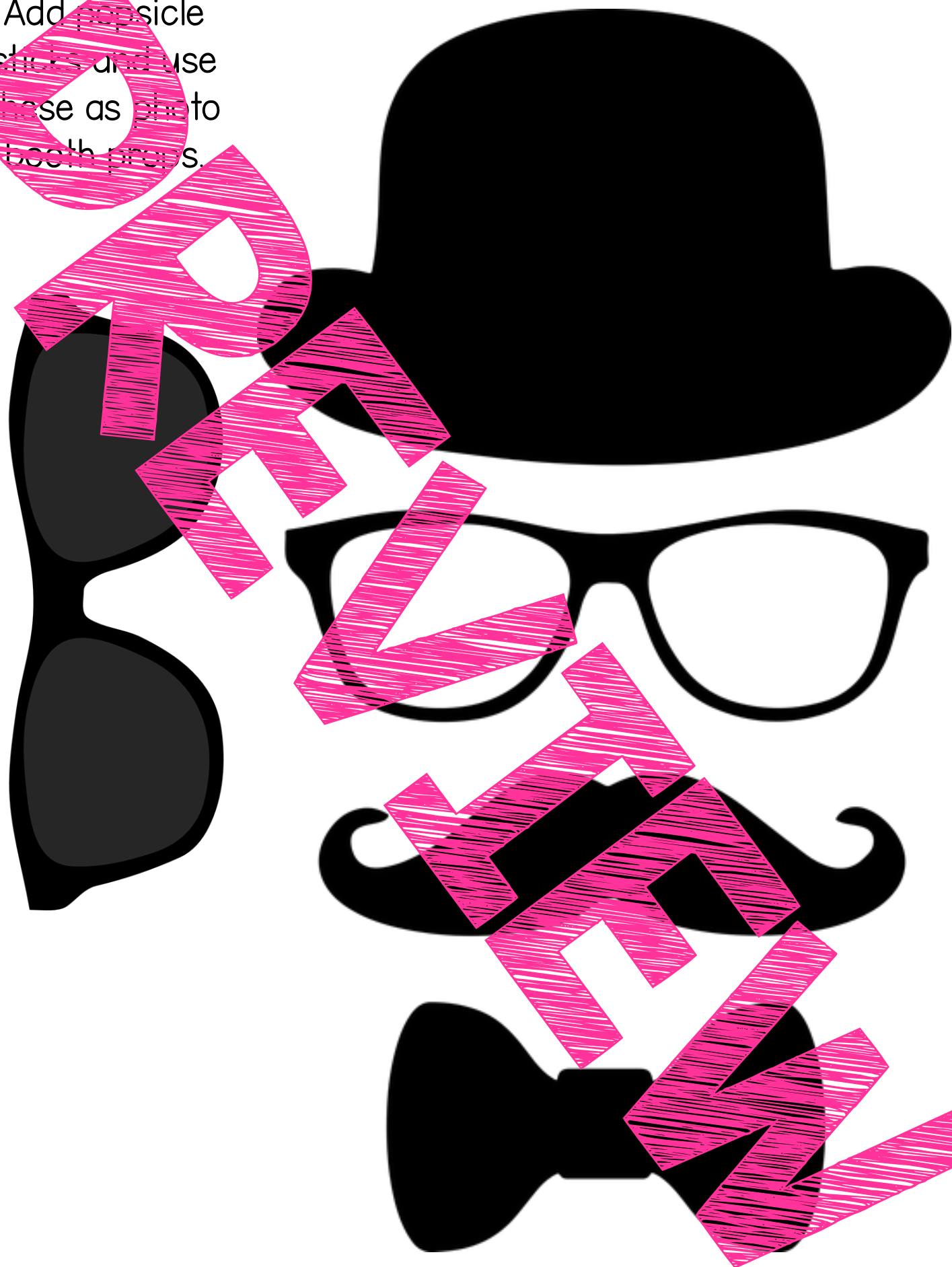
ACCESS CODE

WE CAN



TO ENTER

Add popsicle
sticks and use
these as photo
booth props.



SUSPECT #3

SUSPECT #6

SUSPECT #2

SUSPECT #5

SUSPECT #1

SUSPECT #4

190

180

170

160

150

140

Subject Caught!

I SOLVED THE CASE!



PRECINCT #5005



MUST SHOW BADGE
UPON ENTRY



SPARK SOME

creativity

**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