

CHECKS AND BALANCES

ESCAPE CODE

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The Constitution is the supreme law of the land in the United States, written in 1787. The word constitution simply means plan of government. The US Constitution establishes the rules and laws of the government of the United States and sets basic rights for its citizens. The US government has three main branches that function together as well as separately. Each branch has their own powers to act on behalf of the government and to limit the power of the other branches. The Framers of the Constitution made sure that no one branch of government could have too much power, creating a system known as "checks and balances."

Influenced by the French philosopher...

TASK 3: FILL-INS

DIRECTIONS: After reading the passage, use your knowledge to fill in the missing word. Then, UNSCRAMBLE the letters to reveal your mystery word. Use the EXACT wording found in the passage.

1 The three branches include the _____ Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch.

2 The President (head of the _____ Branch) is the _____ of _____ forces.

3 The President has the power to declare _____.

4 The Framers made sure that no one branch of government could have too much _____.

5 The Framers chose a system of government based on the _____ democratic government.

6 Both houses must _____ in _____ form before _____.

7 The President has the power to make _____ with other nations.

UNSCRAMBLE:

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is:

CHOICE

CI → C9 07 → 0
EI → E8 CI → B6
AI2 → DI2

ANSWER GRID

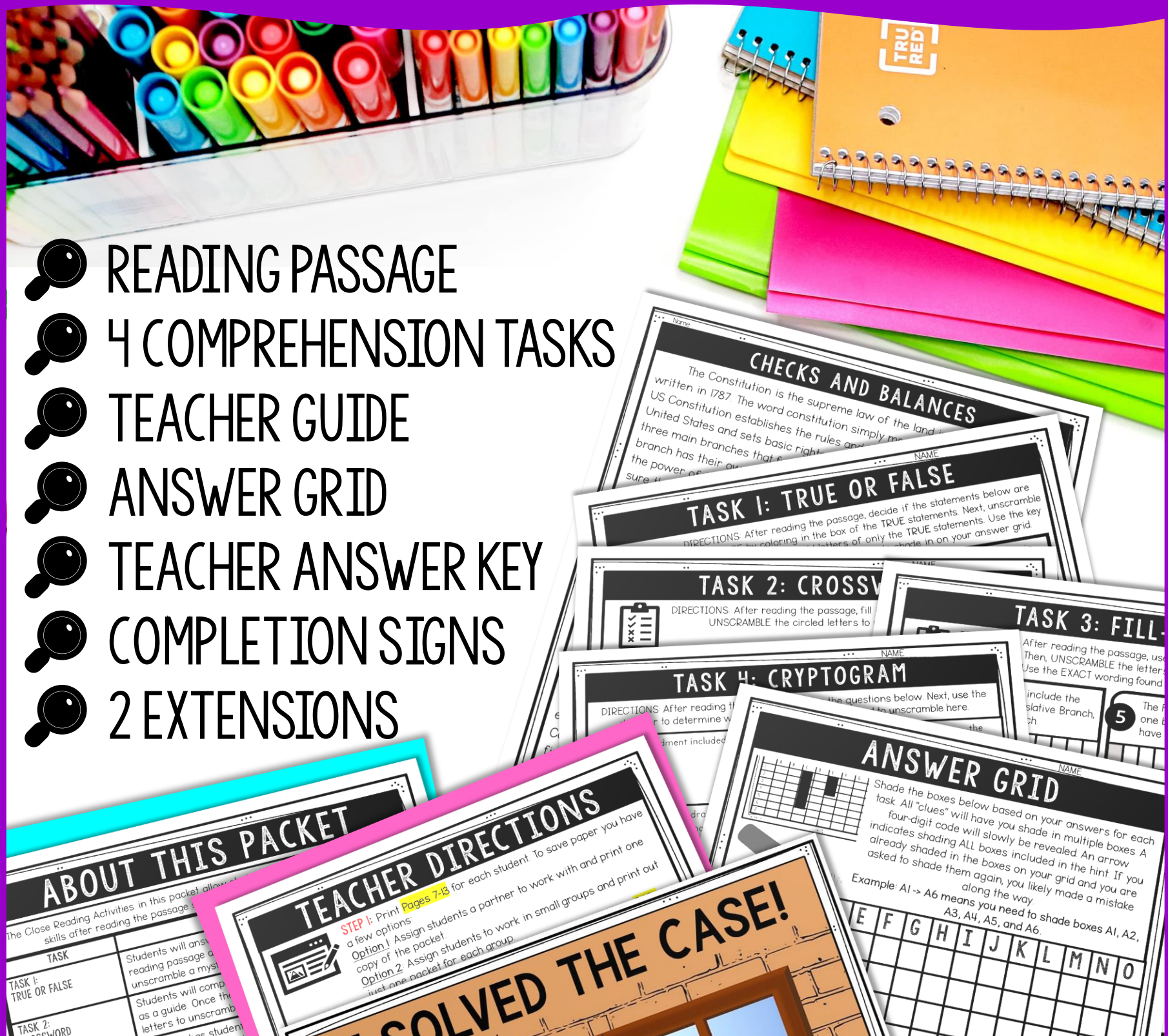
Example: AI → A6

task: All "clues" below based on your answers. An answer key is included in the back of the book. All four-digit codes will have you shade the boxes on your answer grid. You need to shade the boxes on your answer grid. You need to shade the boxes on your answer grid. You need to shade the boxes on your answer grid.

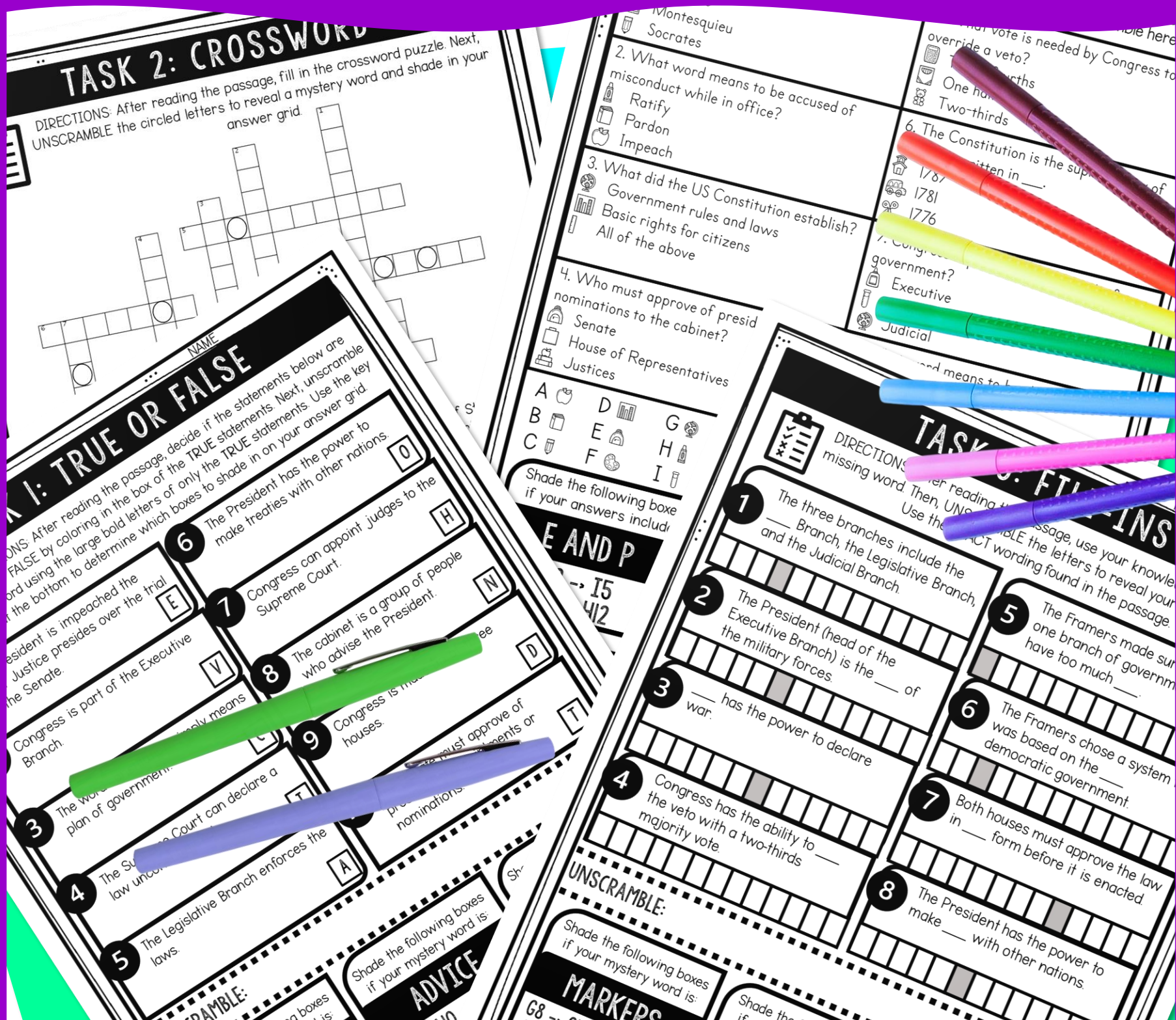
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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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GRID ANSWERS

The image displays two worksheets from a game called "Think Tank Too". The left worksheet, titled "TASK 3: FILL-INS", contains eight clues about the US government. The right worksheet, titled "ANSWER GRID", is a 16x16 grid with columns labeled A through O and rows labeled 1 through 16. It includes instructions on how to use a four-digit code to shade boxes and an example: "A1 → A6 means you need to shade boxes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, and A6." The grid is decorated with colorful markers: a yellow highlighter, a purple marker, a green highlighter, and a pink squiggly line. The bottom of the image features the text "Use the MYSTERY WORD to fill in the answer grid!"

TASK 3: FILL-INS

DIRECTIONS: After reading the passage, use your knowledge to fill in the missing word. Then, UNSCRAMBLE the letters to reveal your mystery word. Use the EXACT wording found in the passage.

1 The three branches include the ____ Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch.

2 The President (head of the Executive Branch) is the ____ of the military forces.

3 ____ has the power to declare war.

4 Congress has the ability to ____ the veto with a ____ majority.

5 The Framers made sure that no one branch of government could have too much ____.

6 The Framers chose a system that was based on the ____ democratic government.

7 Both the ____ and the ____ approve the law before it is enacted.

8 The President has the power to make ____ with other nations.

UNSCRAMBLE:

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is:

MARKERS

G8 → G12 I2 → I4
A4 → C4 G6 → G11
E1 → E8 C5 → C8

STAPLER

C4 → C9 A7 → D7
K2 → K6 B2 → B9
I8 → J8 I7 → K7

PENCILS

O1 → O12 K1 → K12
A1 → B1 J1
E6 → F6 N1

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is:

Example: A1 → A6 means you need to shade boxes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, and A6.

Shade the boxes below based on your answers for each task. All "clues" will have you shade in multiple boxes. A four-digit code will slowly be revealed. An arrow indicates shading ALL boxes included in the hint. If you already shaded in the boxes on your grid and you are asked to shade them again, you likely made a mistake along the way.

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Use the MYSTERY WORD to fill in the answer grid!

NO PREP!

