

THOMAS JEFFERSON

COMPREHENSION

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most famous for his role as a Founding Father and Declaration of Independence. He is also remembered for his role in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, during which time he authorized the Lewis and Clark expedition to expand westward. Jefferson is one of four presidents to have a statue on the Mount Rushmore, a massive granite sculpture in South Dakota.

Jefferson was born into a wealthy family in Virginia on April 13, 1743. He was the third of six children of William and Mary Jefferson. After graduating from the College of William and Mary in 1762, he quickly became involved in politics. He was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1769 and became a vocal supporter of independence. As a skilled architect, Jefferson designed and built Monticello.

Jefferson played a significant role in the Second Continental Congress, which was convened in response to the growing tensions between the American colonies and Great Britain, particularly over issues of taxation.

At the Second Continental Congress, Jefferson was selected as one of the members tasked with drafting a document that would declare the colonies' independence from Great Britain. Jefferson worked closely with John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. Jefferson is known as the "penman" of the Declaration of Independence. Although he received help from other patriots, the final draft is largely his work.

Jefferson served as a diplomat in France from 1785 to 1789. He was instrumental in securing the French loan that helped the United States pay off its war debts. He also negotiated the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States.

Jefferson served as the third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809. He was the first president to be elected to two terms. His presidency was marked by his efforts to reduce the size of the federal government and to promote agrarianism. He is also known for his role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He is buried in Monticello, Virginia.

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TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE

Directions: Answer each question below by coloring in the box of the TRUE statements. Next, unscramble the word using the large bold letters of only the TRUE statements.

The Second Continental Congress was held in Philadelphia in 1775. E	As president, Jefferson wanted to expand and acquire new land. N	The Louisiana Purchase was made in 1799. R	During Jefferson's second term, Great Britain and France were at war with each other. T
Jefferson's successor was James Monroe. S	Jefferson was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1769. L	Jefferson's presidency was not without controversy. M	Jefferson was born into a poor family in Ohio. B
Jefferson served two terms as president. C	Jefferson was appointed as the Secretary of Treasury under George Washington. D	The Louisiana Purchase cost \$15 million. O	John Adams death occurred on the same day as the death of Thomas Jefferson. I
Jefferson served as president from 1809 to 1815. A	Jefferson died on the 4 th of July. L	The Declaration of Independence was written by a committee of five men. O	Jefferson is one of six presidential faces on Mount Rushmore. A

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TASK 4: TEXT

Directions: Find the answers in the text or color them with the correct color.

YELLOW

BLUE

GREEN

PINK

BROWN

What was the Second Continental Congress?

How old was Jefferson when he was elected president?

Who was Thomas Jefferson's successor?

What issues did Jefferson face during his presidency?

Who did Jefferson appoint as Secretary of the Treasury?

What was the Second Continental Congress's purpose?

Directions: Place the following sentence in the reading passage.

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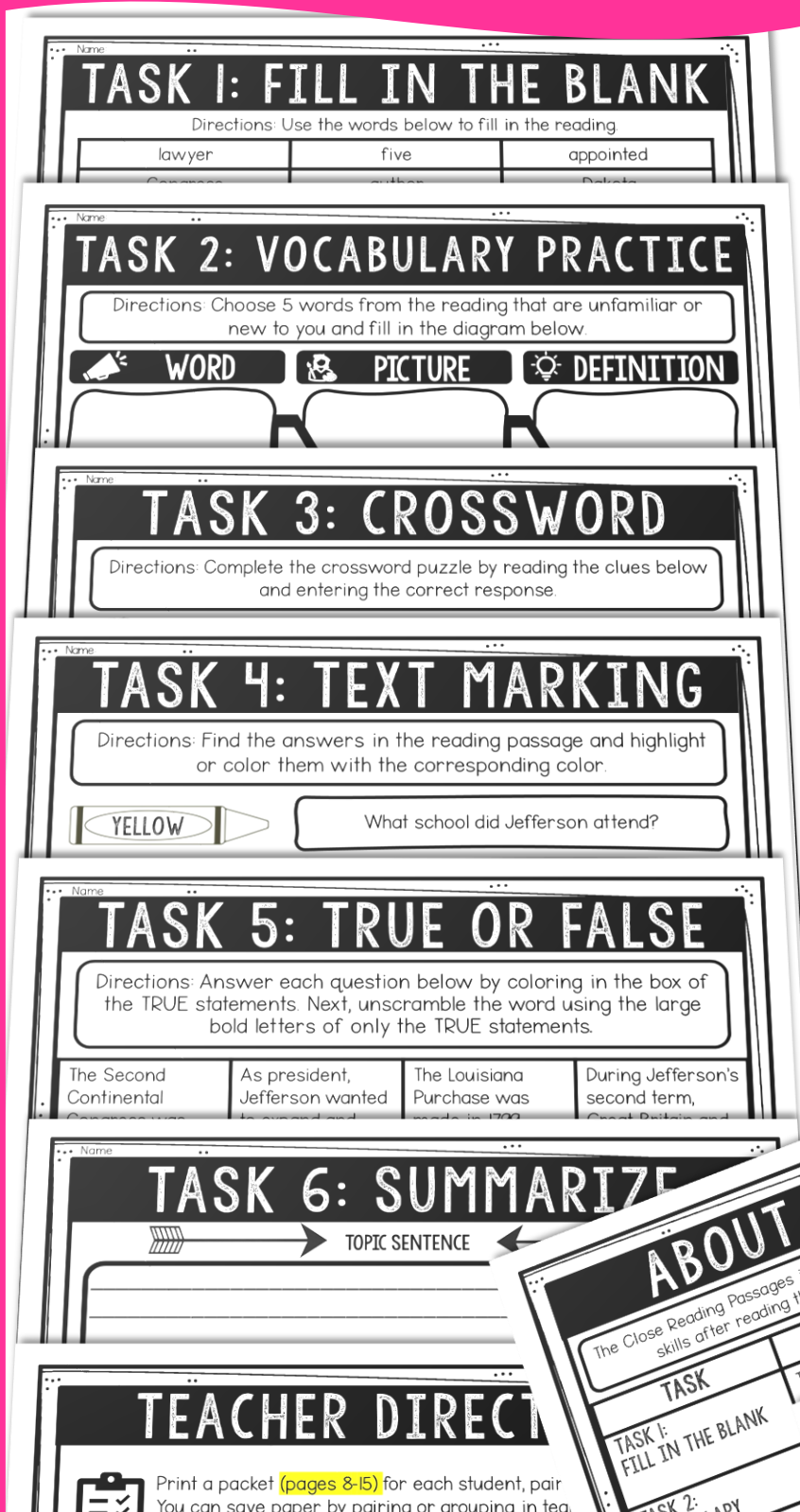
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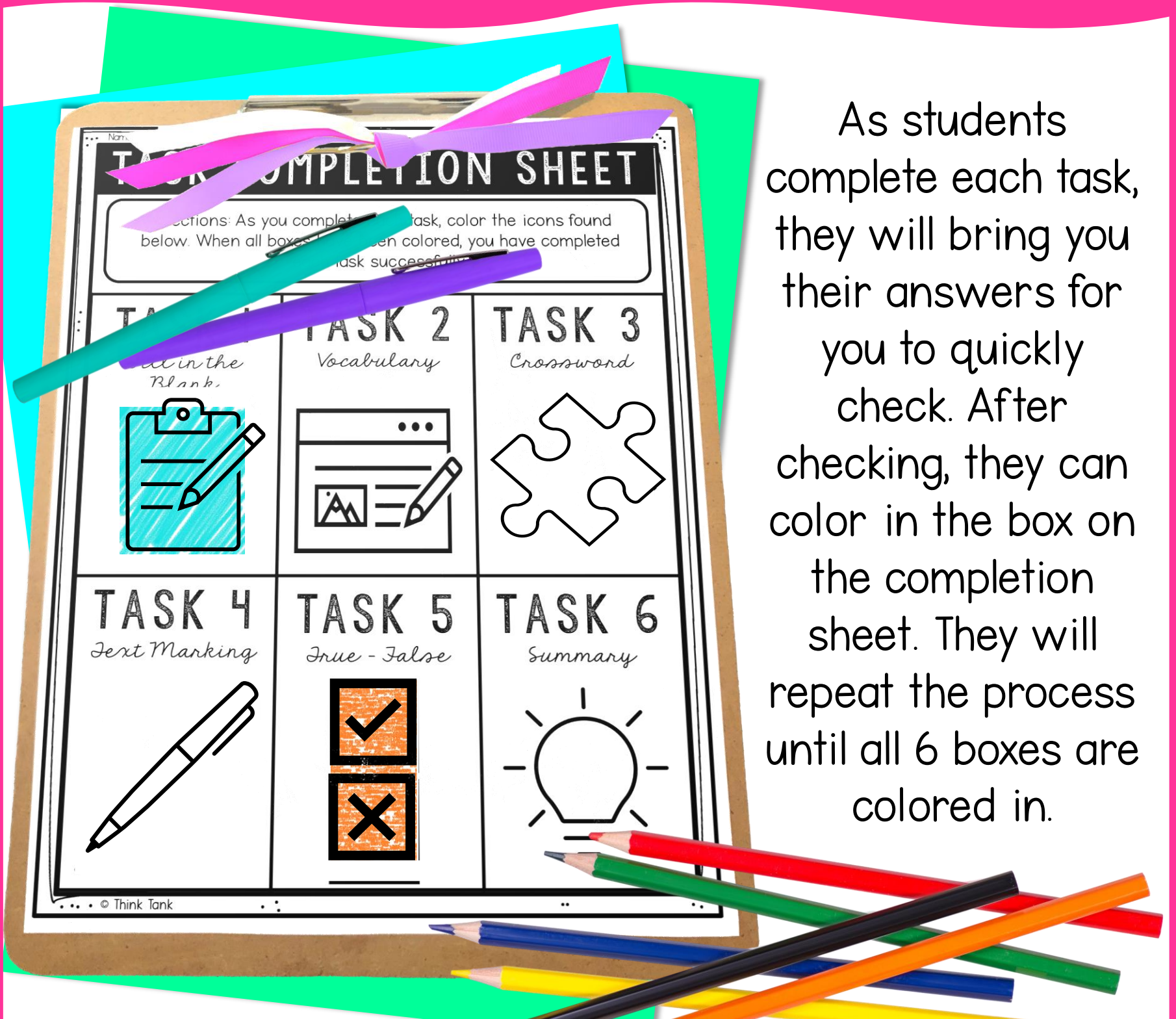
WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ Task 1: Fill in the Blank
- ✓ Task 2: Vocabulary
- ✓ Task 3: Crossword Puzzle
- ✓ Task 4: Text Marking
- ✓ Task 5: True or False
- ✓ Task 6: Graphic Organizer
- ✓ Student Completion Sheet
- ✓ Teacher Answer Key
- ✓ Teacher Guide

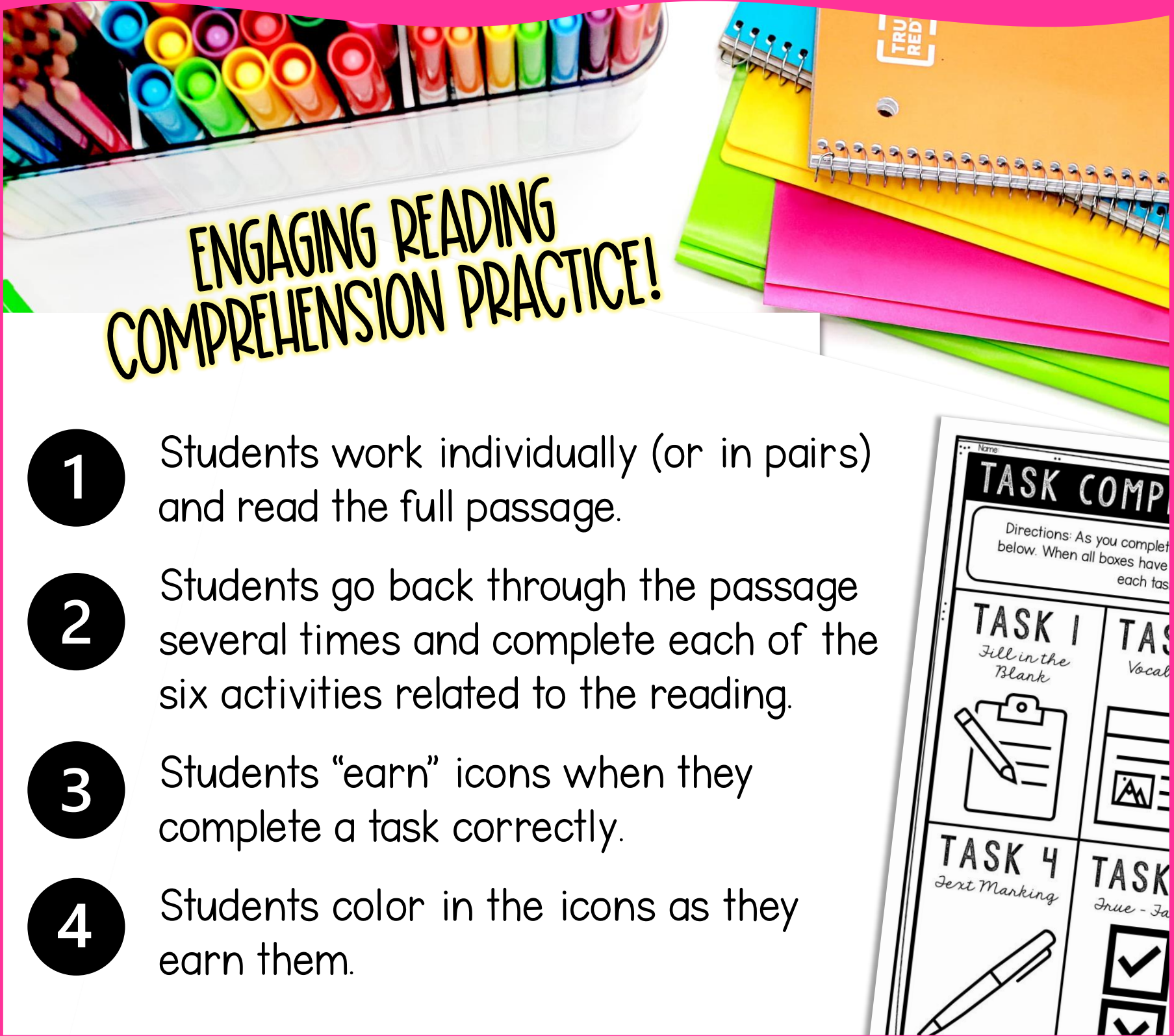


EARN ICONS

As students complete each task, they will bring you their answers for you to quickly check. After checking, they can color in the box on the completion sheet. They will repeat the process until all 6 boxes are colored in.



HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

Students work individually (or in pairs) and read the full passage.

2

Students go back through the passage several times and complete each of the six activities related to the reading.

3

Students “earn” icons when they complete a task correctly.

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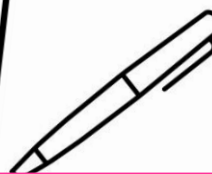
Students color in the icons as they earn them.



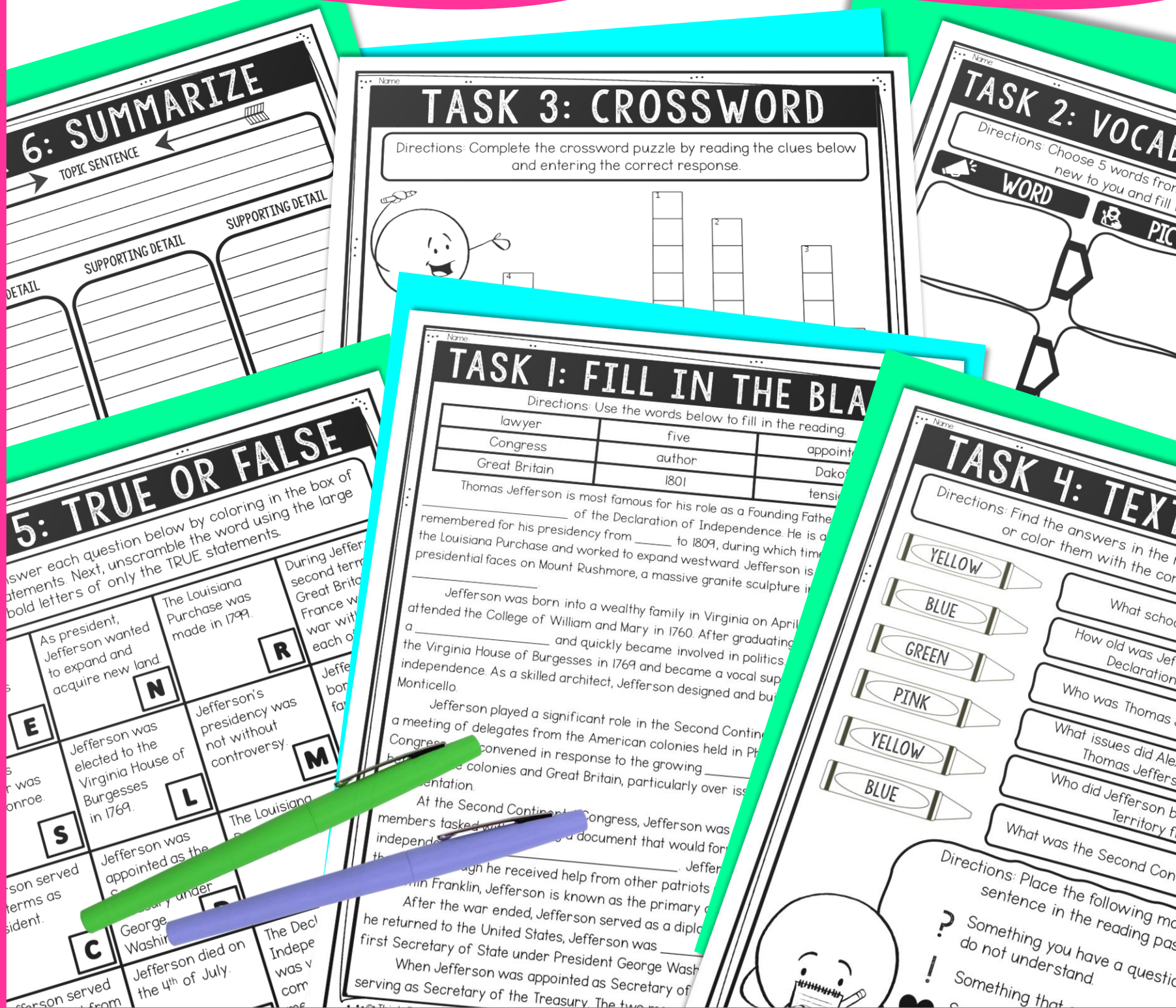
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TASK COMP

Directions: As you complete below. When all boxes have each task

TASK 1 <i>Fill in the Blank</i> 	TASK 2 <i>Vocabulary</i> 
TASK 4 <i>Text Marking</i> 	TASK 5 <i>True - False</i> 

6 TASKS



BENEFITS & USE



- ✎ ANTICIPATORY SETS
- ✎ UNIT REVIEW
- ✎ EARLY FINISHERS
- ✎ STATIONS
- ✎ SUB PLANS
- ✎ PARTNER WORK
- ✎ ENRICHMENT

- ✎ NO PREP
- ✎ PRINT AND GO
- ✎ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✎ HIGHLY ENGAGING