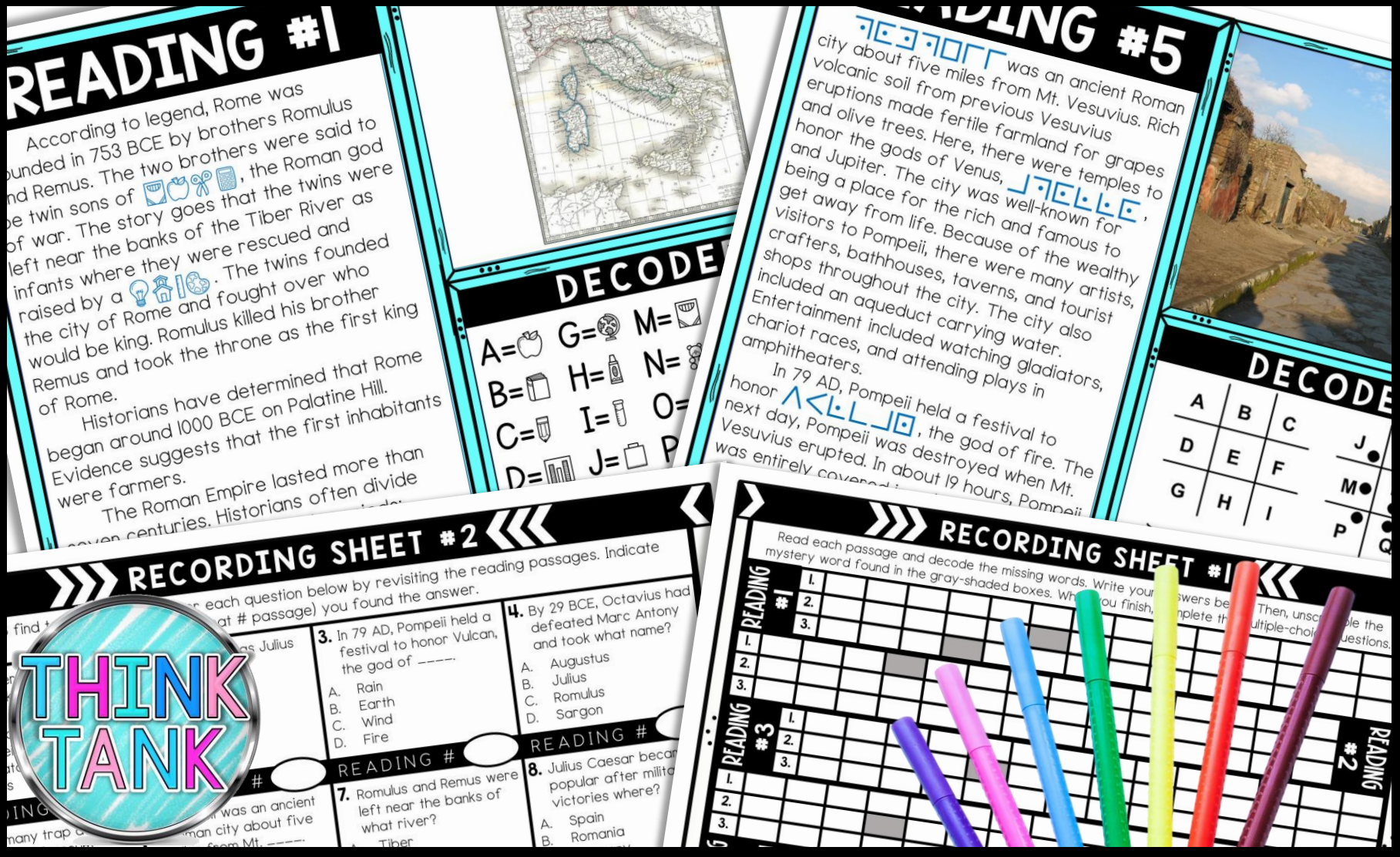
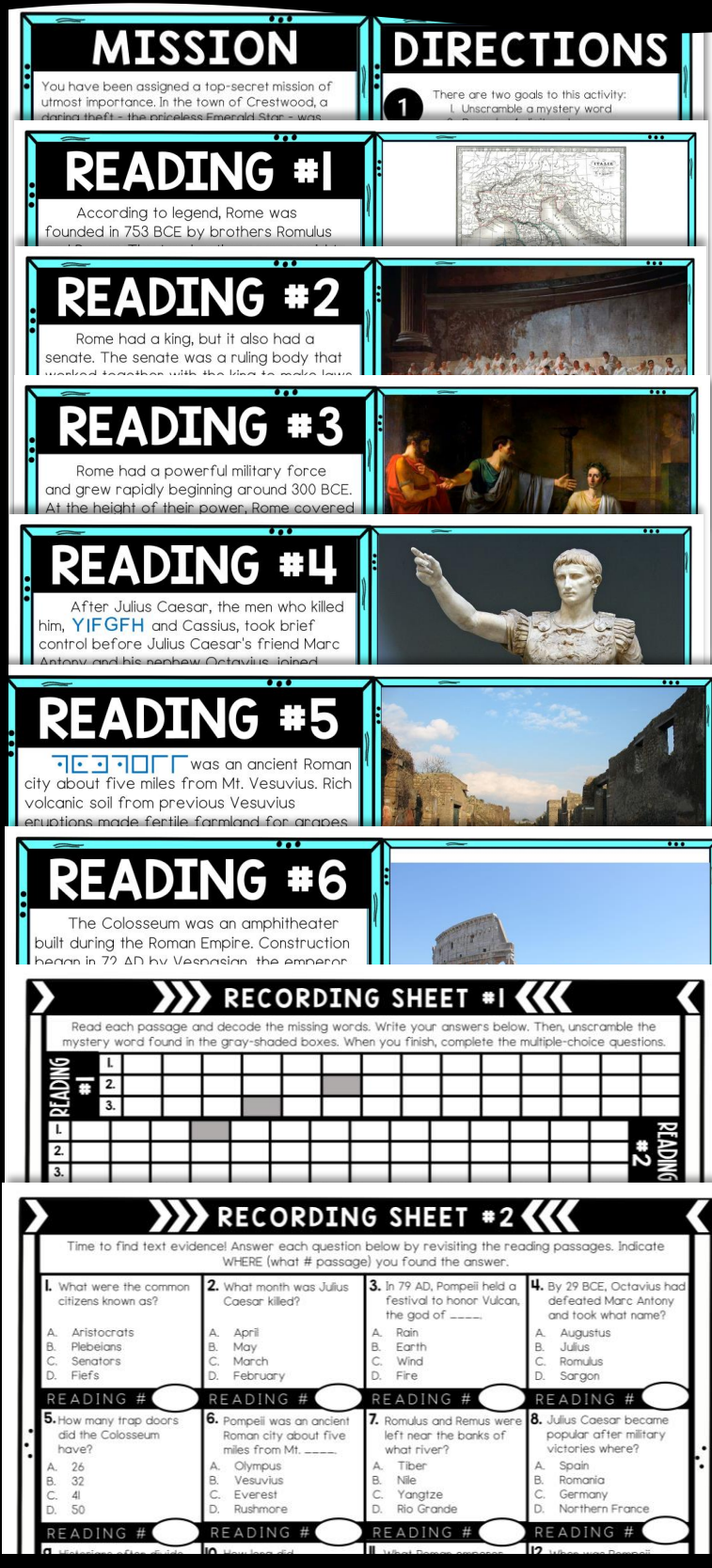
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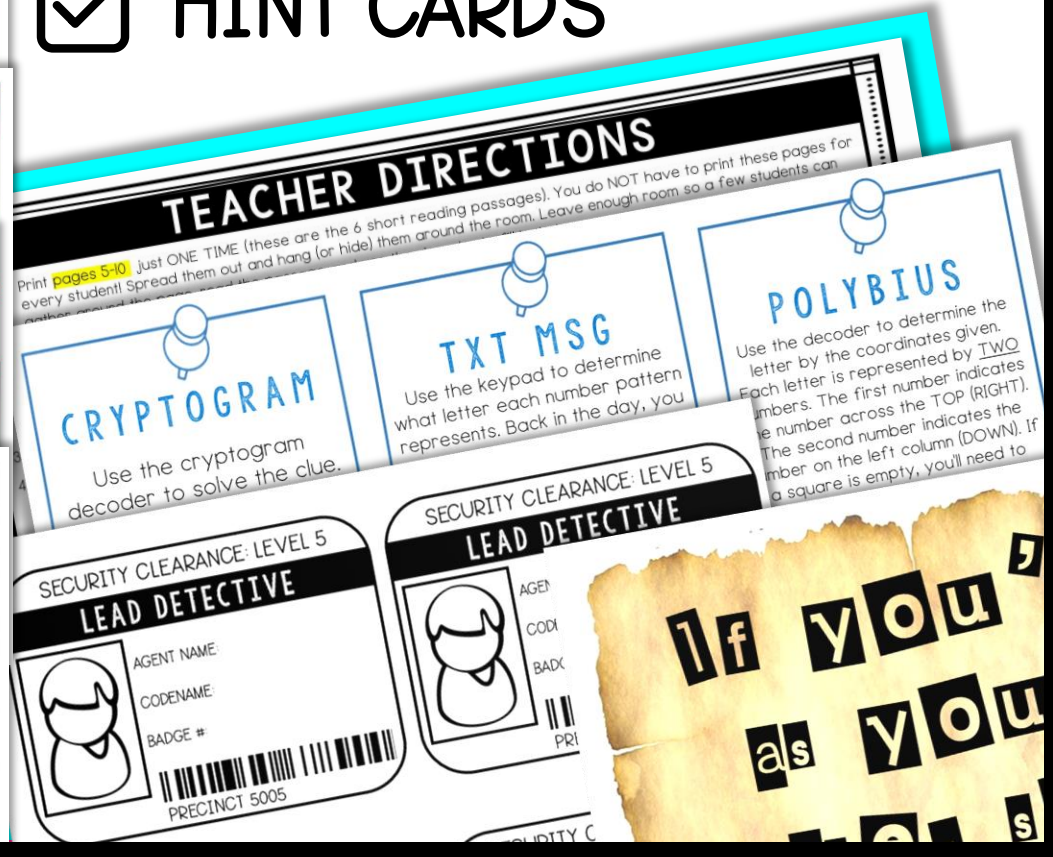
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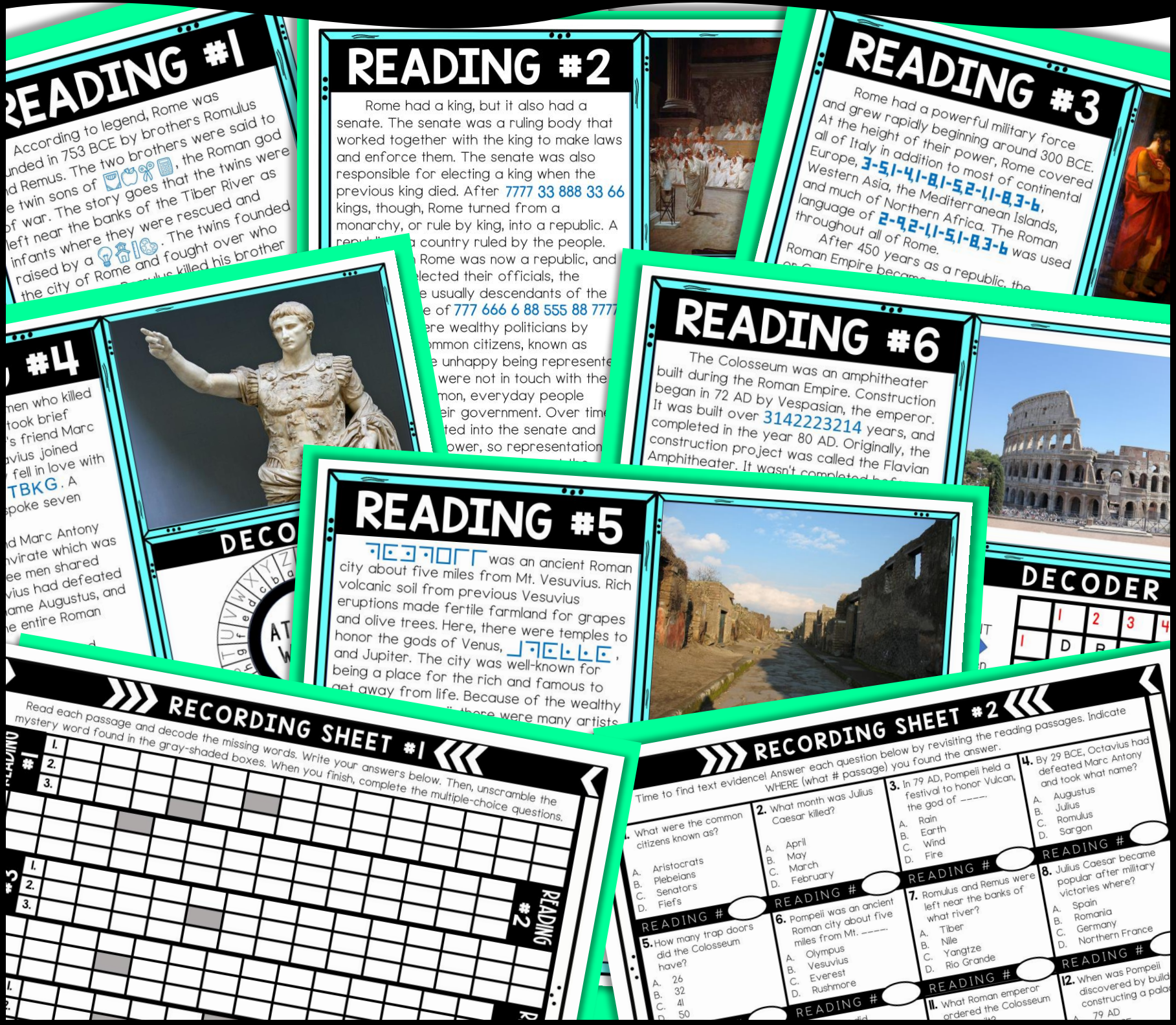
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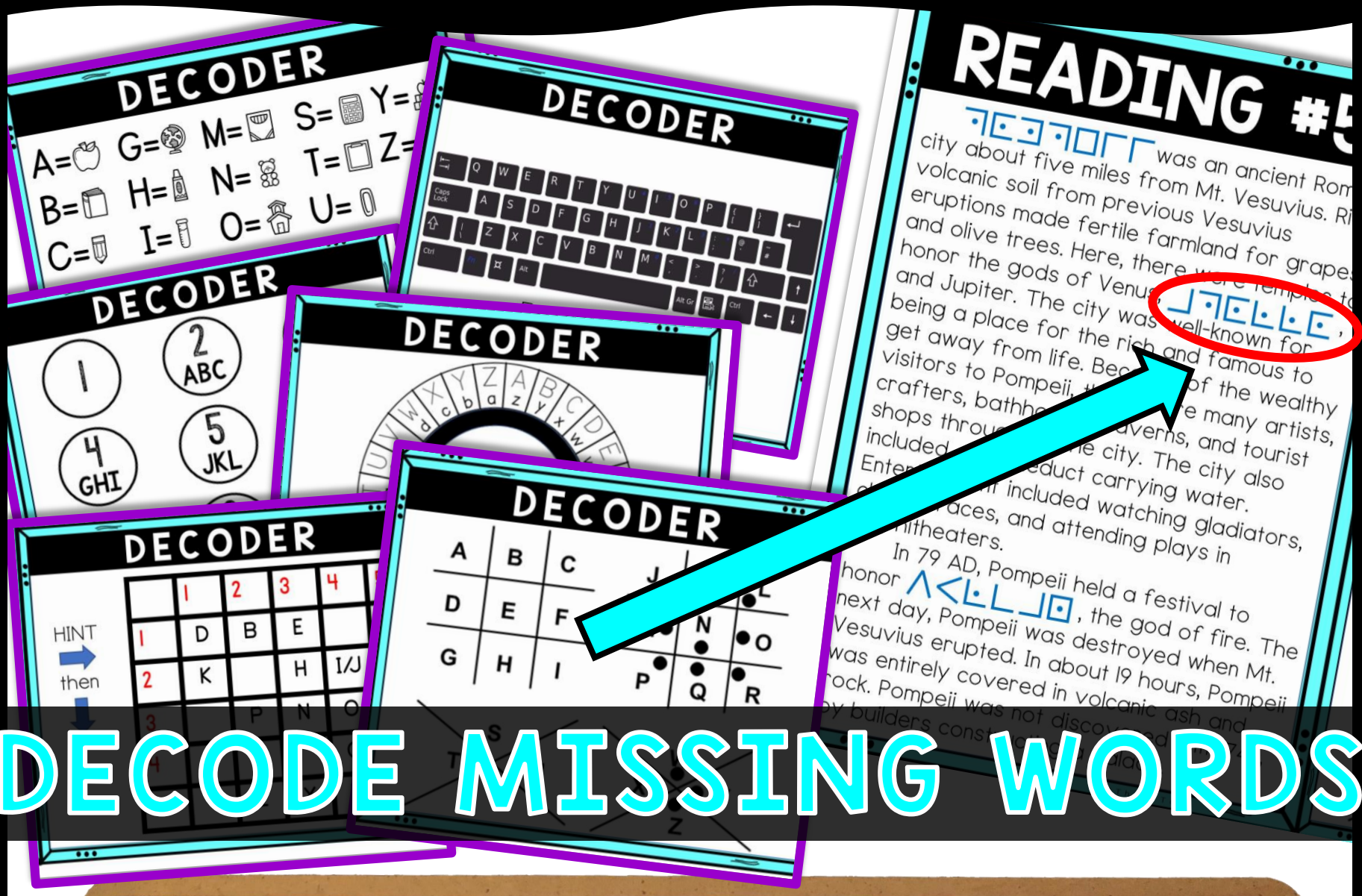
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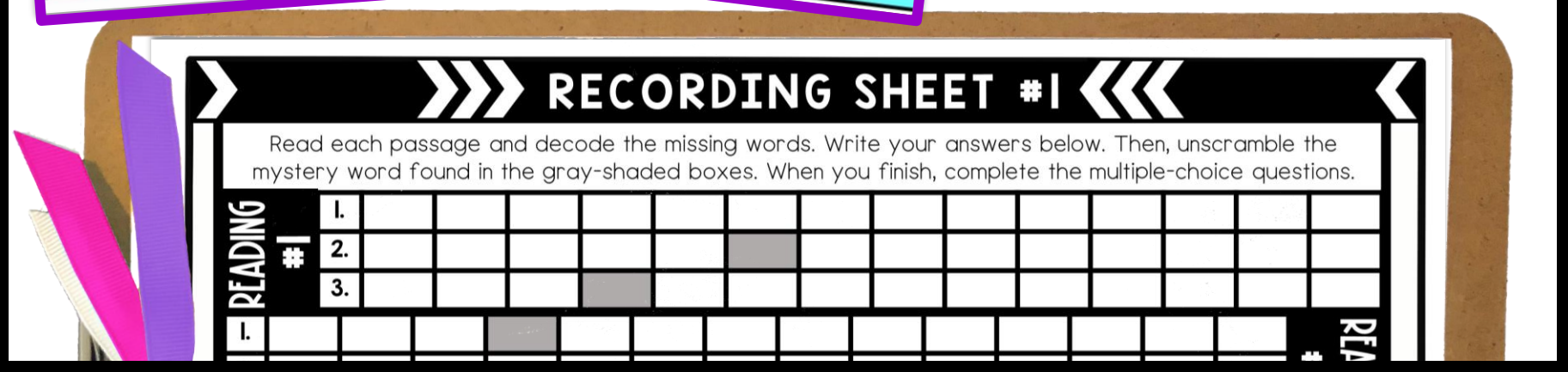
6 PASSAGES


READING #1
According to legend, Rome was
unded in 753 BCE by brothers Romulus
d Remus. The two brothers were said to
e twin sons of , the Roman god
f war. The story goes that the twins were
left near the banks of the Tiber River as
infants where they were rescued and
raised by a . The twins founded
the city of Rome and fought over who
READING #2
Rome had a king, but it also had a
senate. The senate was a ruling body that
worked together with the king to make laws
and enforce them. The senate was also
responsible for electing a king when the
previous king died. After 7777 33 888 33 66
kings, though, Rome turned from a
monarchy, or rule by king, into a republic. A
a country ruled by the people.
Rome was now a republic, and
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READING #3
Rome had a powerful military force
and grew rapidly beginning around 300 BCE.
At the height of their power, Rome covered
all of Italy in addition to most of continental
Europe, 3-5,1-4,1-8,1-5,2-1,1-8,3-6,
Western Asia, the Mediterranean Islands,
and much of Northern Africa. The Roman
language of 2-9,2-1,1-5,1-8,3-6 was used
throughout all of Rome.
After 450 years as a republic, the
Roman Empire became
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READING #5
was an ancient Roman
city about five miles from Mt. Vesuvius. Rich
volcanic soil from previous Vesuvius
eruptions made fertile farmland for grapes
and olive trees. Here, there were temples to
honor the gods of Venus, ,
and Jupiter. The city was well-known for
being a place for the rich and famous to
get away from life. Because of the wealthy
there were many artists
READING #6
The Colosseum was an amphitheater
built during the Roman Empire. Construction
began in 72 AD by Vespasian, the emperor.
It was built over 3142223214 years, and
completed in the year 80 AD. Originally, the
construction project was called the Flavian
Amphitheater. It wasn't completed
DECODER
RECORDING SHEET #1
Read each passage and decode the missing words. Write your answers below. Then, unscramble the mystery word found in the gray-shaded boxes. When you finish, complete the multiple-choice questions.
READING #1
READING #2
READING #3
RECORDING SHEET #2
Time to find text evidence! Answer each question below by revisiting the reading passages. Indicate WHERE (what # passage) you found the answer.
1. What were the common citizens known as?
A. Aristocrats
B. Plebeians
C. Senators
D. Fiefs
READING #
2. What month was Julius Caesar killed?
A. April
B. May
C. March
D. February
READING #
3. In 79 AD, Pompeii held a festival to honor Vulcan, the god of _____.
A. Rain
B. Earth
C. Wind
D. Fire
READING #
4. By 29 BCE, Octavius had defeated Marc Antony and took what name?
A. Augustus
B. Julius
C. Romulus
D. Sargon
READING #
5. How many trap doors did the Colosseum have?
A. 26
B. 32
C. 41
D. 50
READING #
6. Pompeii was an ancient Roman city about five miles from Mt. _____.
A. Olympus
B. Vesuvius
C. Everest
D. Rushmore
READING #
7. Romulus and Remus were left near the banks of what river?
A. Tiber
B. Nile
C. Yangtze
D. Rio Grande
READING #
8. Julius Caesar became popular after military victories where?
A. Spain
B. Romania
C. Germany
D. Northern France
READING #
11. What Roman emperor ordered the Colosseum
READING #
12. When was Pompeii discovered by build
constructing a pala
A. 79 AD

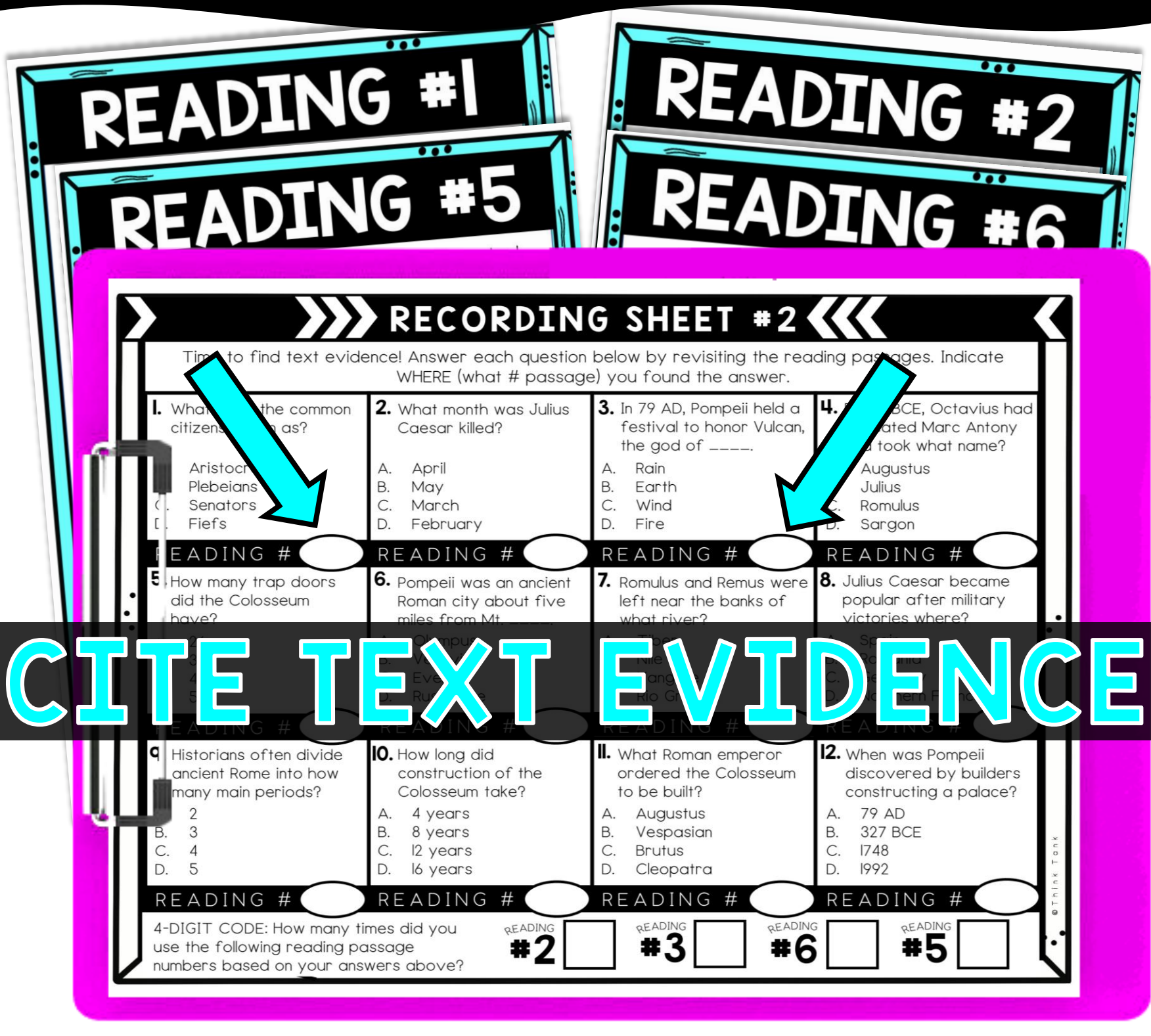
TASK #1



DECODE MISSING WORDS



TASK #2

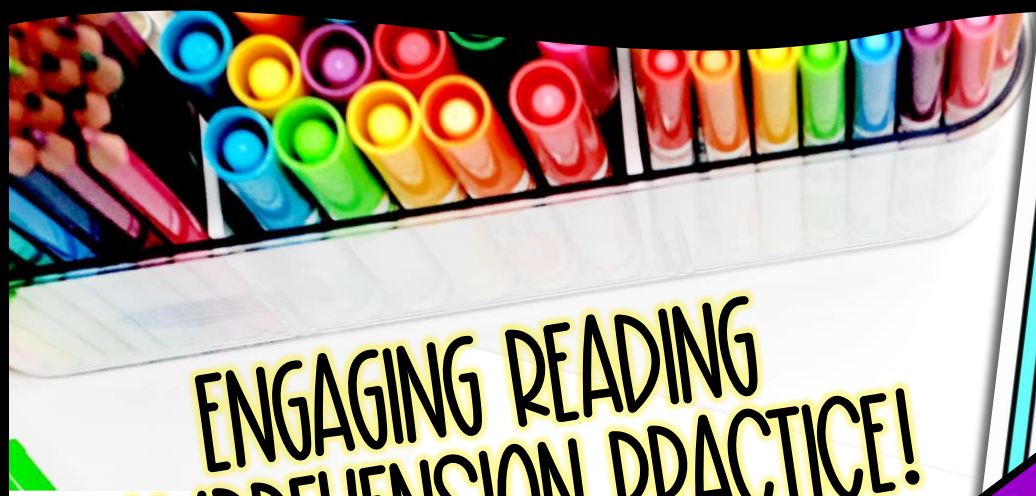


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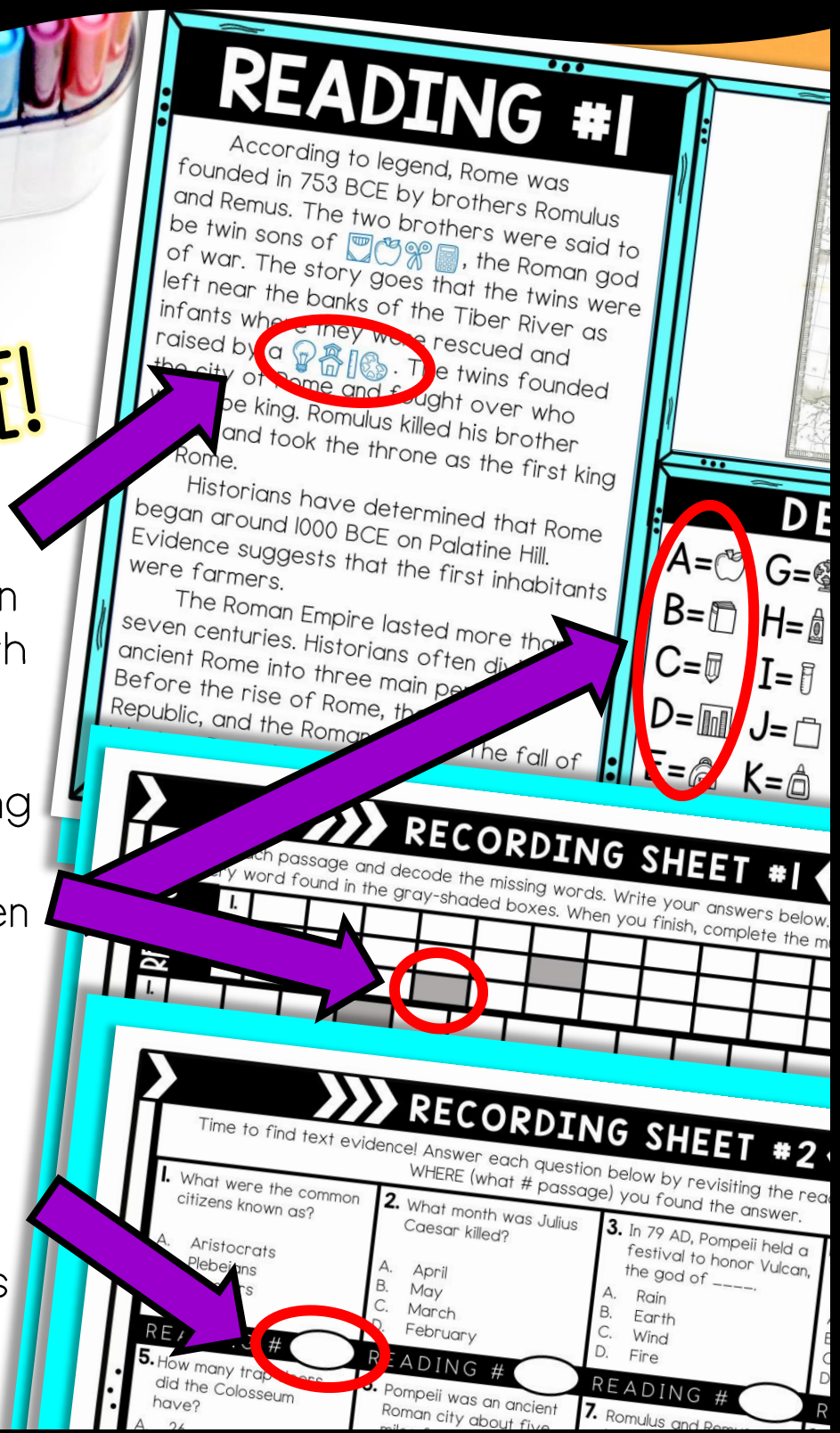


ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1. Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 passages with "missing words."

2. Students will decode the missing words and record them on **Answer Sheet #1**. They will then unscramble a mystery word from the gray-shaded boxes.

3. Students will then answer 12 multiple-choice questions, revisit the passages and cite where they found the answers on **Answer Sheet #2**. This will lead to a 4-digit code.



BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

- NO PREP
- PRINT & GO
- CROSS-CURRICULAR
- HIGHLY ENGAGING

