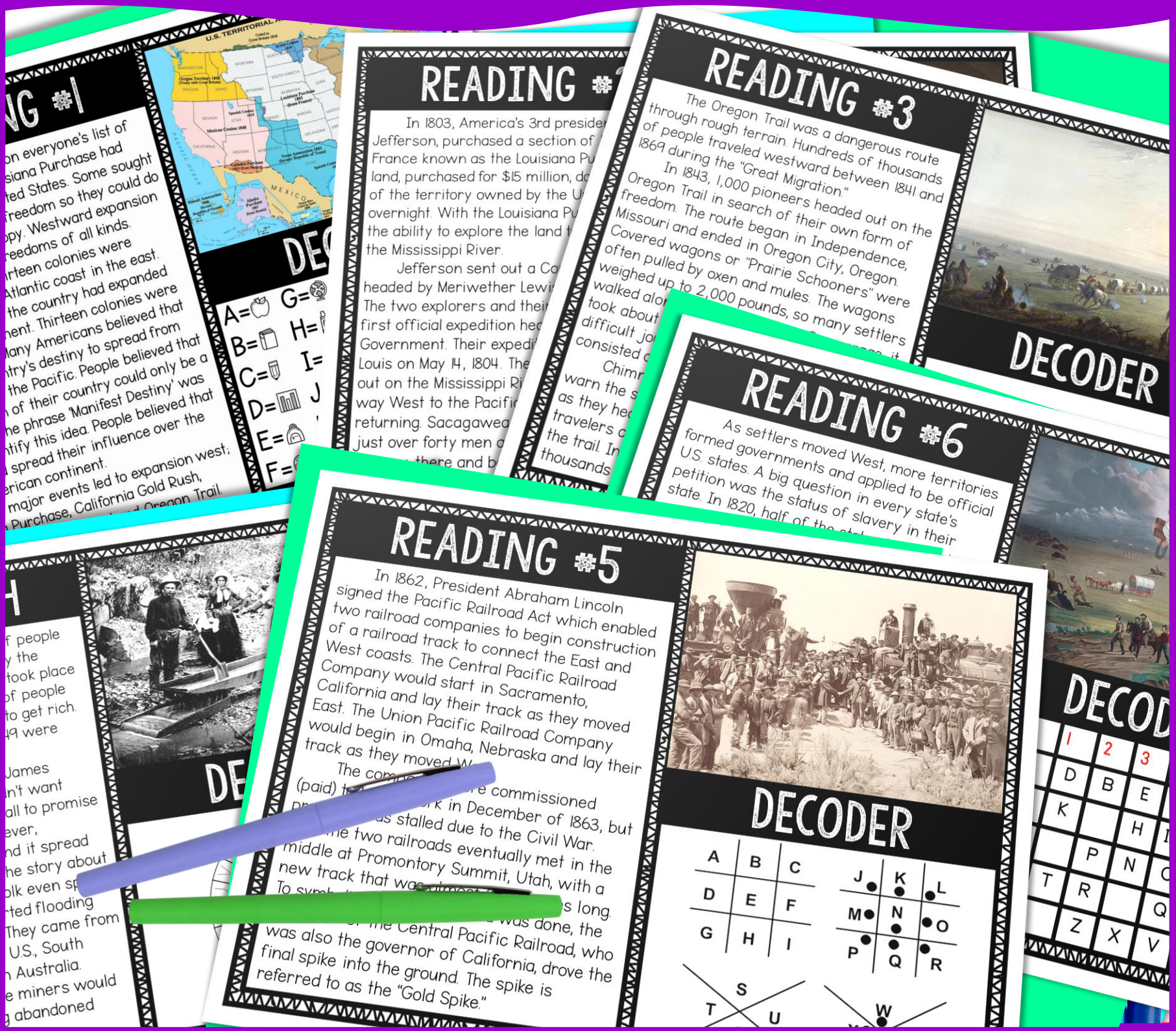
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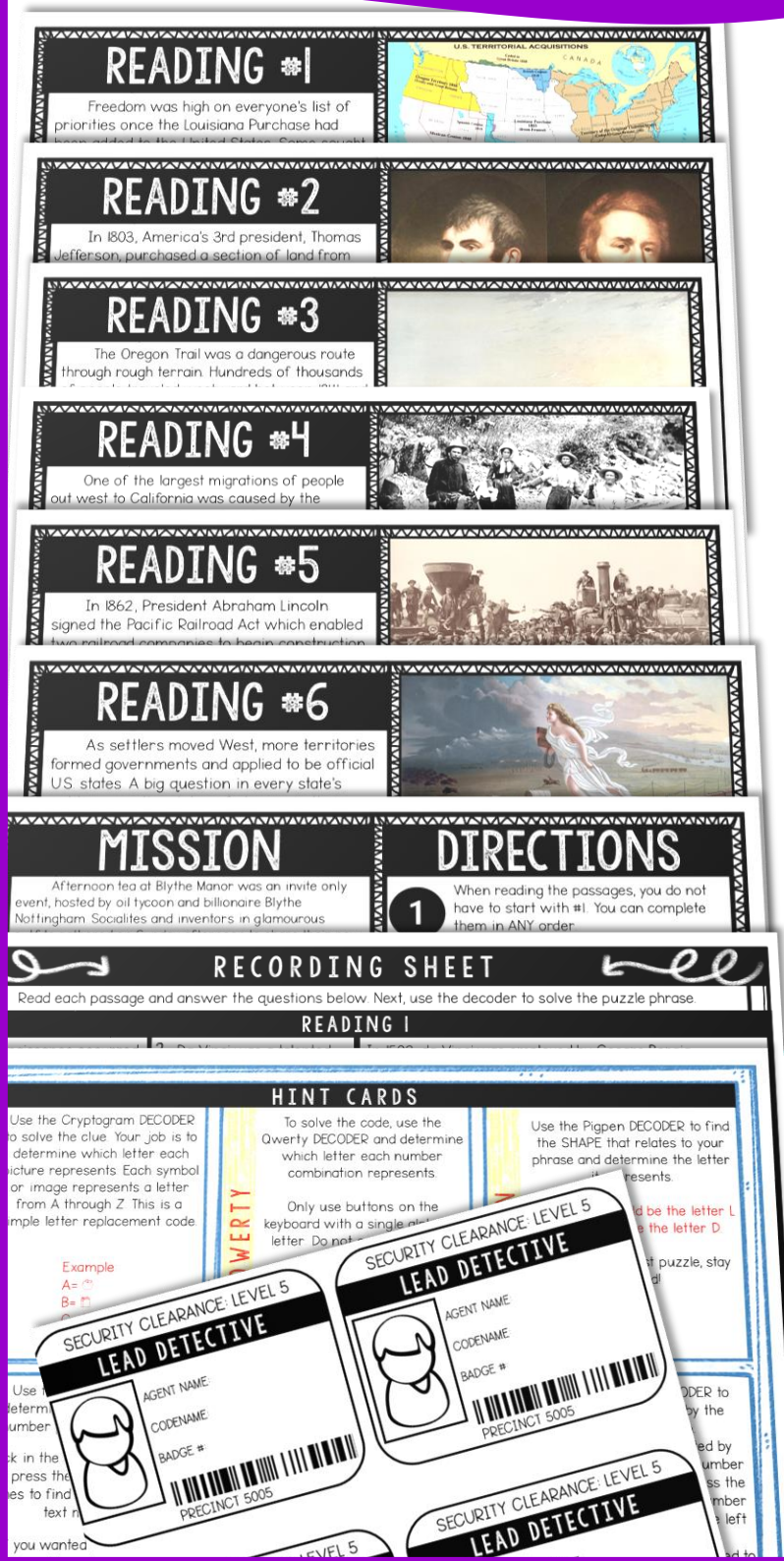
READING ESCAPE



6 PASSAGES


READING #3
The Oregon Trail was a dangerous route through rough terrain. Hundreds of thousands of people traveled westward between 1841 and 1869 during the "Great Migration."
In 1843, 1,000 pioneers headed out on the Oregon Trail in search of their own form of freedom. The route began in Independence, Missouri and ended in Oregon City, Oregon.
Covered wagons or "Prairie Schooners" were often pulled by oxen and mules. The wagons weighed up to 2,000 pounds, so many settlers
DECODER
READING #6
As settlers moved West, more territories formed governments and applied to be official U.S. states. A big question in every state's petition was the status of slavery in their state. In 1820, half of the
READING #5
In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act which enabled two railroad companies to begin construction of a railroad track to connect the East and West coasts. The Central Pacific Railroad Company would start in Sacramento, California and lay their track as they moved East. The Union Pacific Railroad Company would begin in Omaha, Nebraska and lay their track as they moved W
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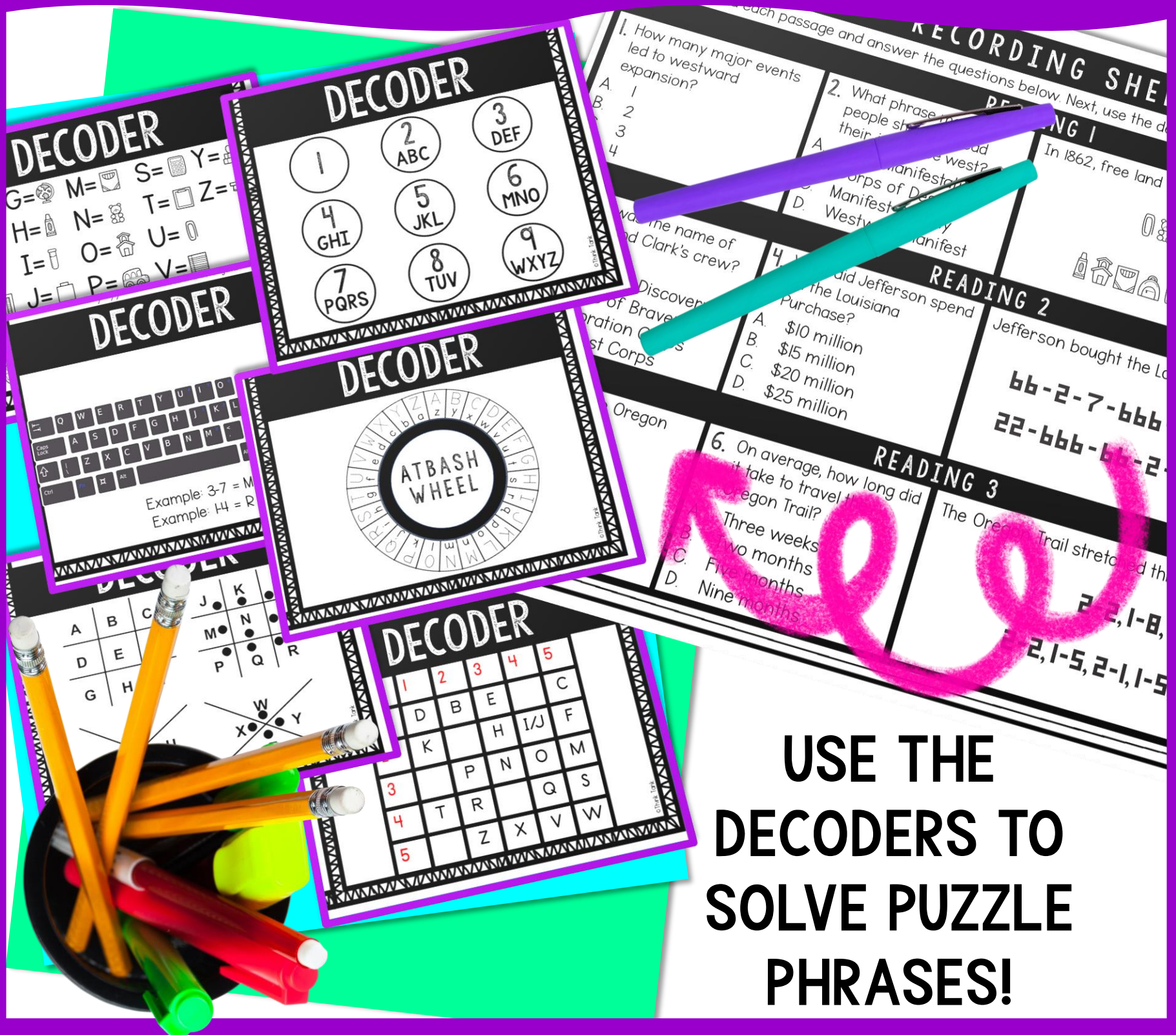
WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- [x] 6 Half page passages
- [x] 6 Puzzle decoders
- [x] 12 Multiple choice Q's
- [x] Teacher guide
- [x] Answer key
- [x] Student directions
- [x] Hint cards



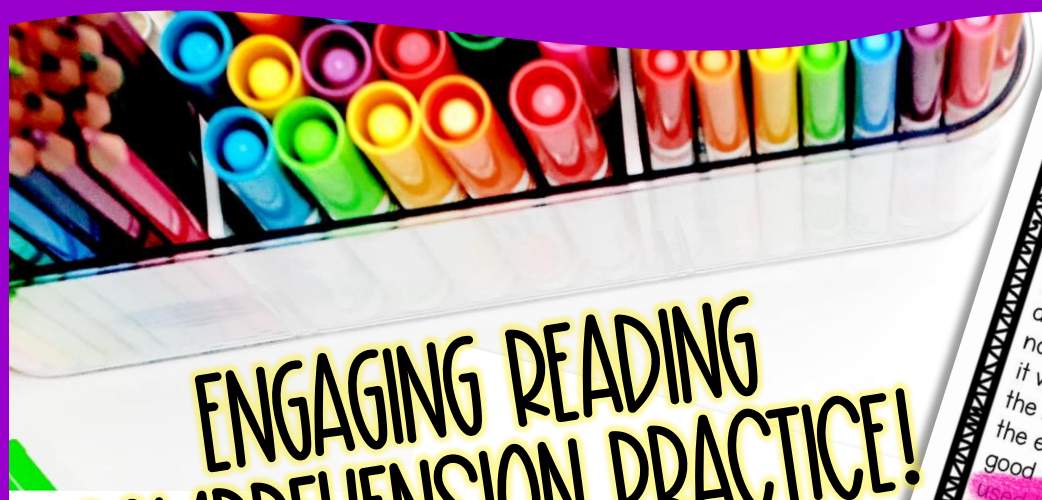
PUZZLE TYPES



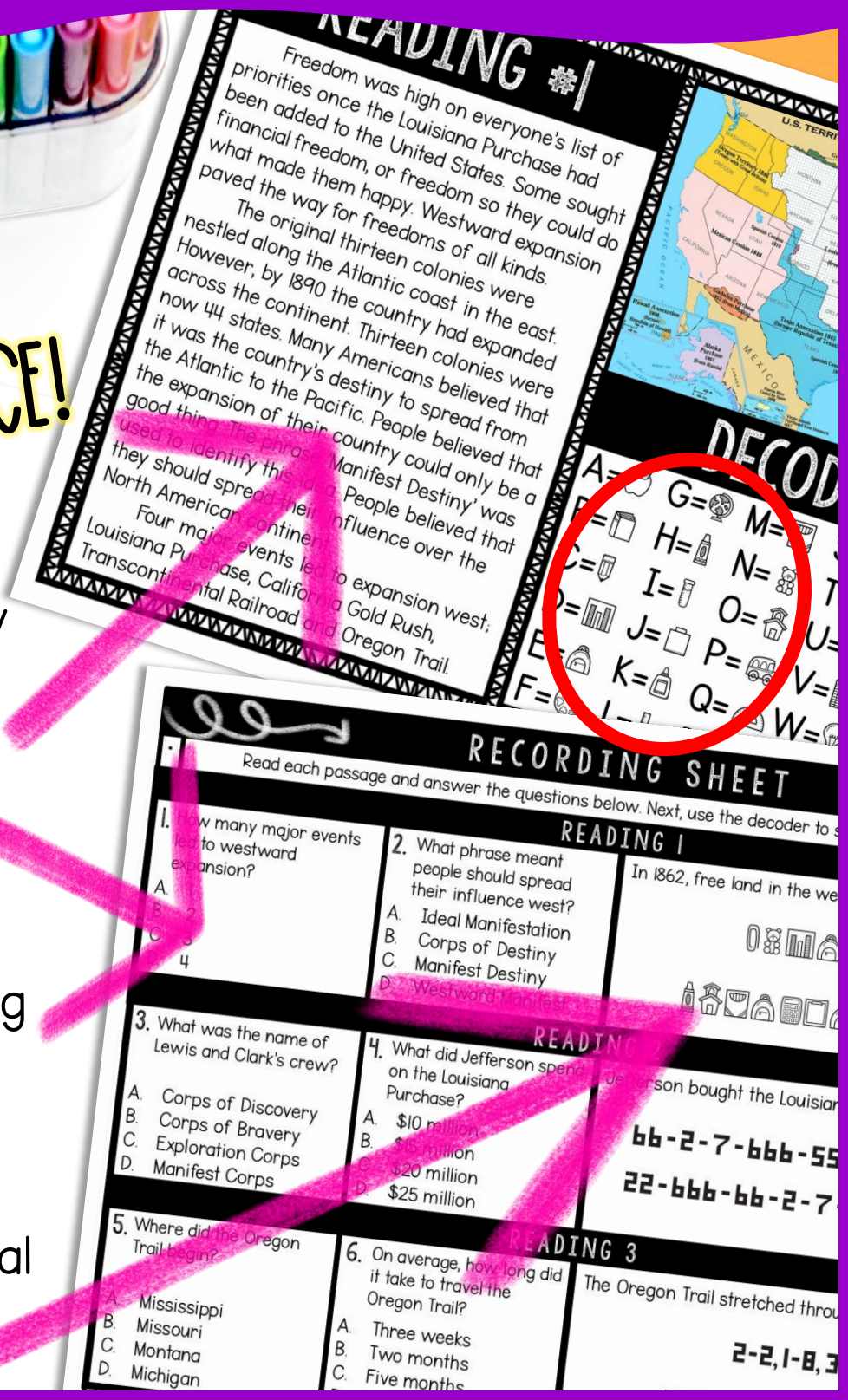
NO PREP!



HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!



1. Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit SIX reading stations.

2. Students will answer the questions related to that passage on their recording sheet.

3. Students will use that specific "decoder" to reveal a "clue" about the topic.

BENEFITS & USE



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

- ANTICIPATORY SETS
- UNIT REVIEW
- EARLY FINISHERS
- STATIONS
- SUB PLANS
- PARTNER WORK
- ENRICHMENT
- NO PREP
- PRINT AND GO
- CROSS-CURRICULAR
- HIGHLY ENGAGING