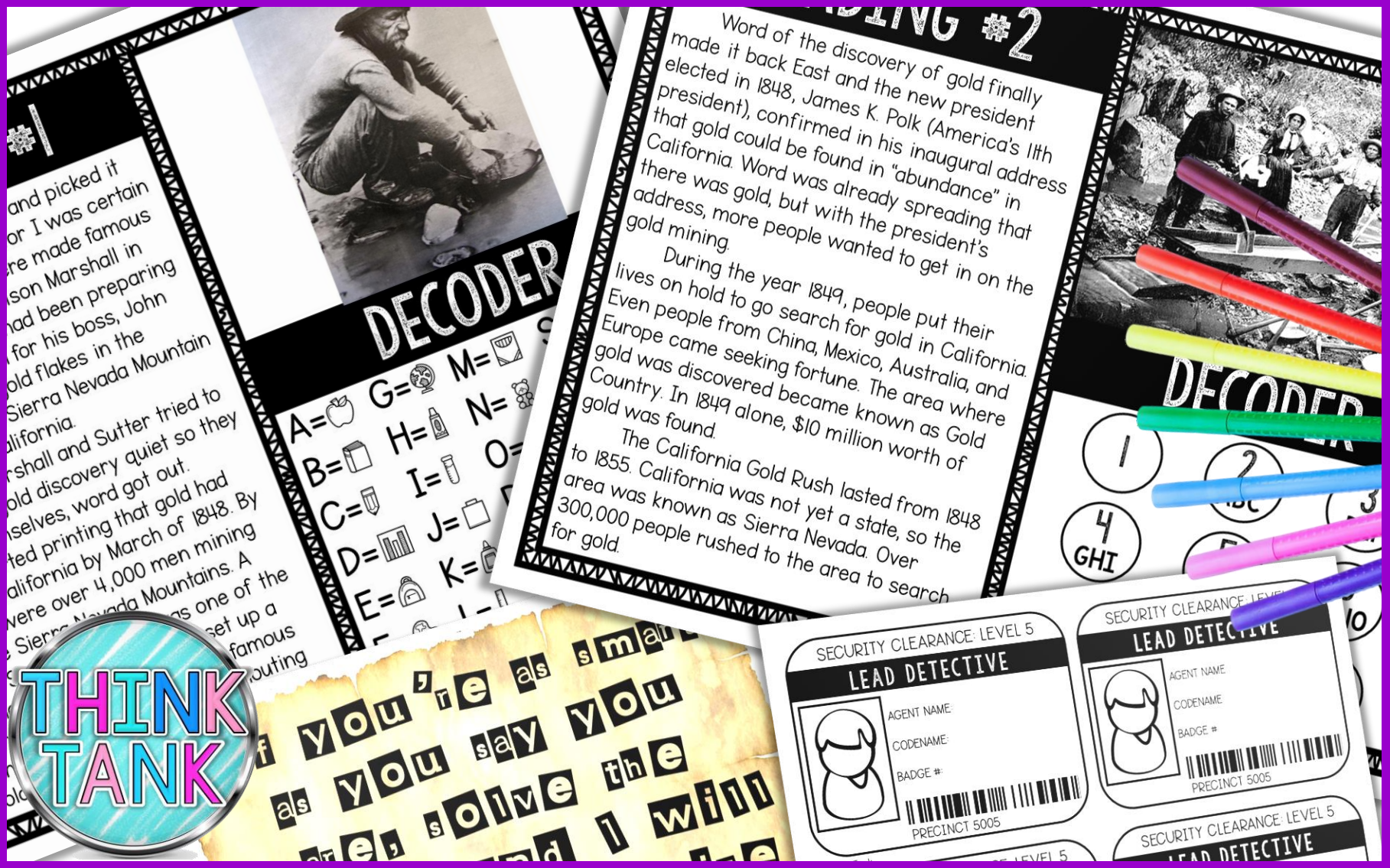
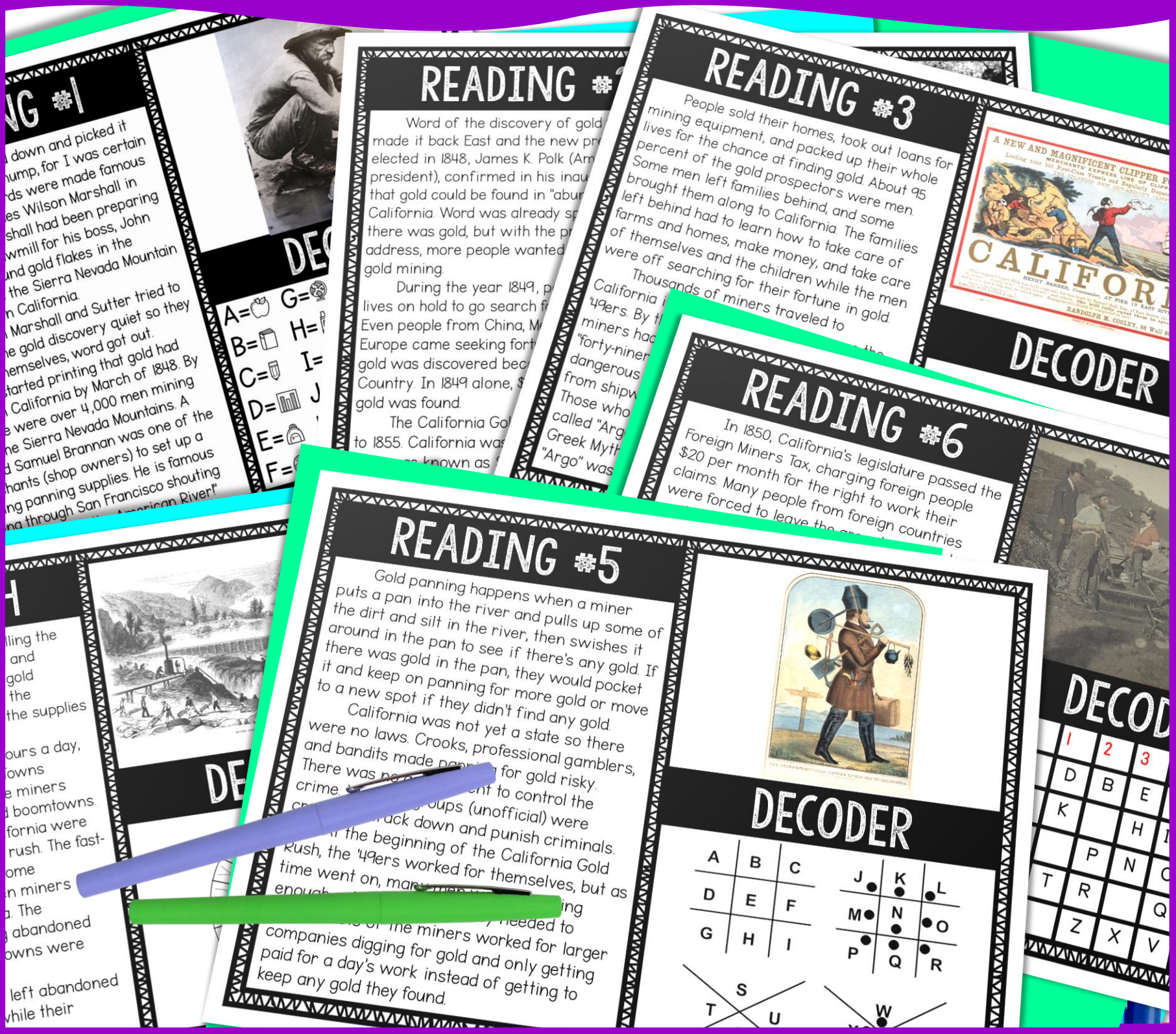
CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

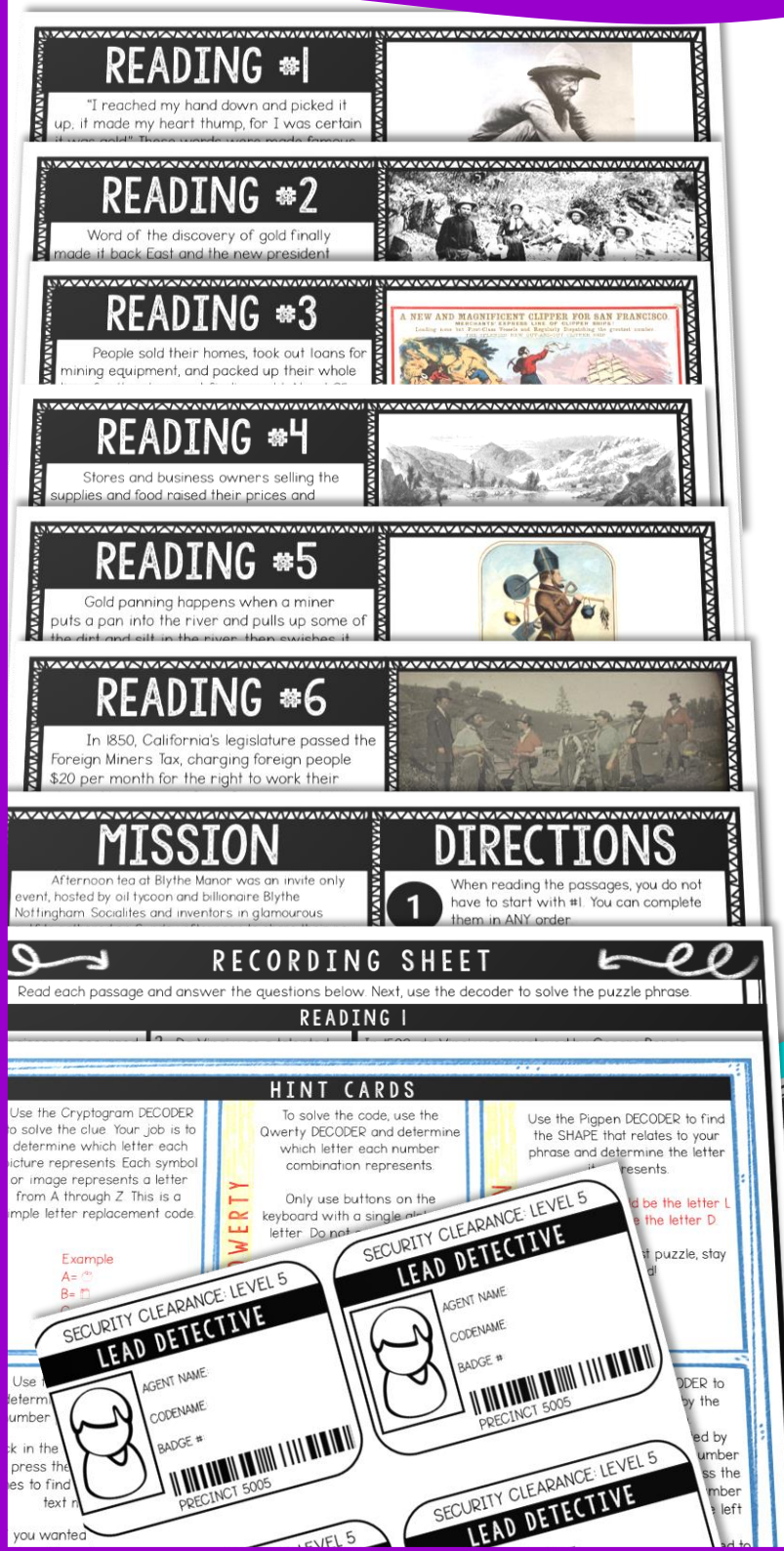
READING ESCAPE



6 PASSAGES


READING #3
People sold their homes, took out loans for mining equipment, and packed up their whole lives for the chance at finding gold. About 95 percent of the gold prospectors were men. Some men left families behind, and some brought them along to California. The families left behind had to learn how to take care of farms and homes, make money, and take care of themselves and the children while the men were off searching for their fortune in gold.
Thousands of miners traveled to
DECODER
READING #6
In 1850, California's legislature passed the Foreign Miners Tax, charging foreign people $20 per month for the right to work their claims. Many people from foreign countries were forced to leave
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READING #5
Gold panning happens when a miner puts a pan into the river and pulls up some of the dirt and silt in the river, then swishes it around in the pan to see if there's any gold. If there was gold in the pan, they would pocket it and keep on panning for more gold or move to a new spot if they didn't find any gold.
California was not yet a state so there were no laws. Crooks, professional gamblers, and bandits made
companies digging for gold and only getting paid for a day's work instead of getting to keep any gold they found.
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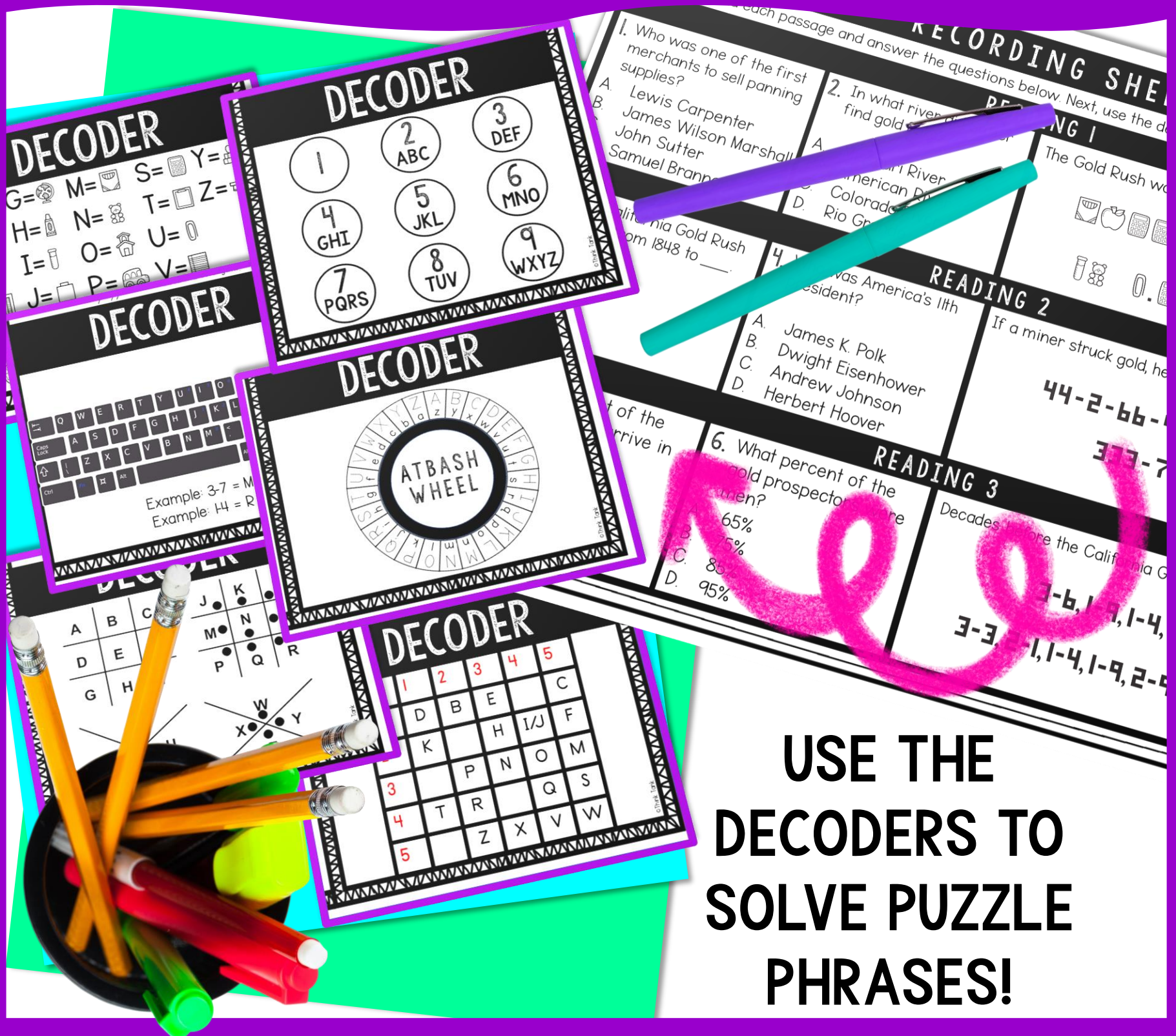
WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- [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



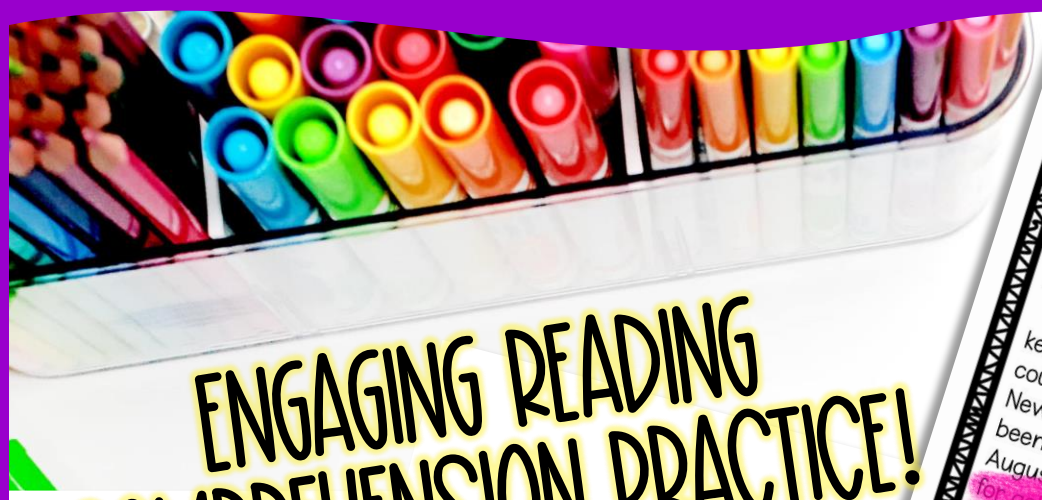
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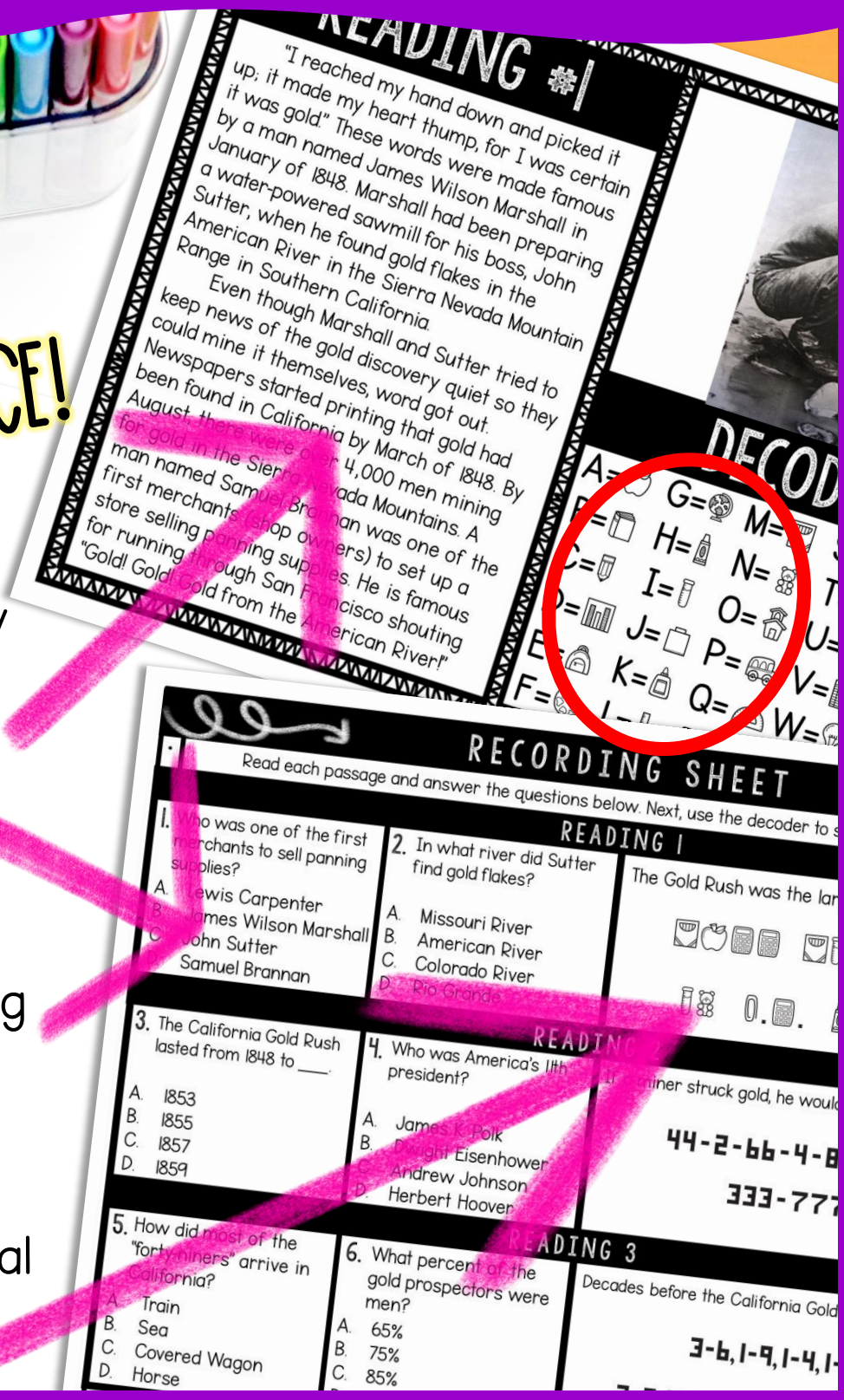
NO PREP!



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