EARTH DAY

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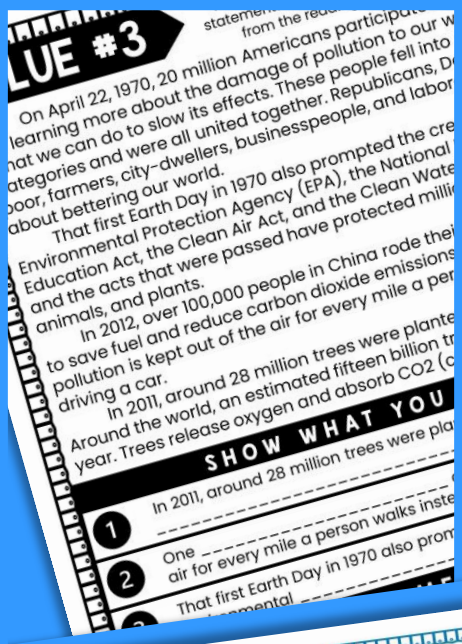
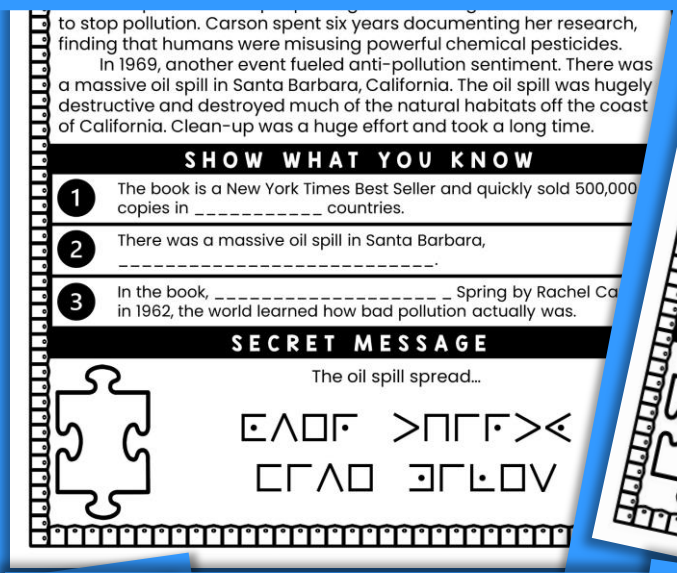
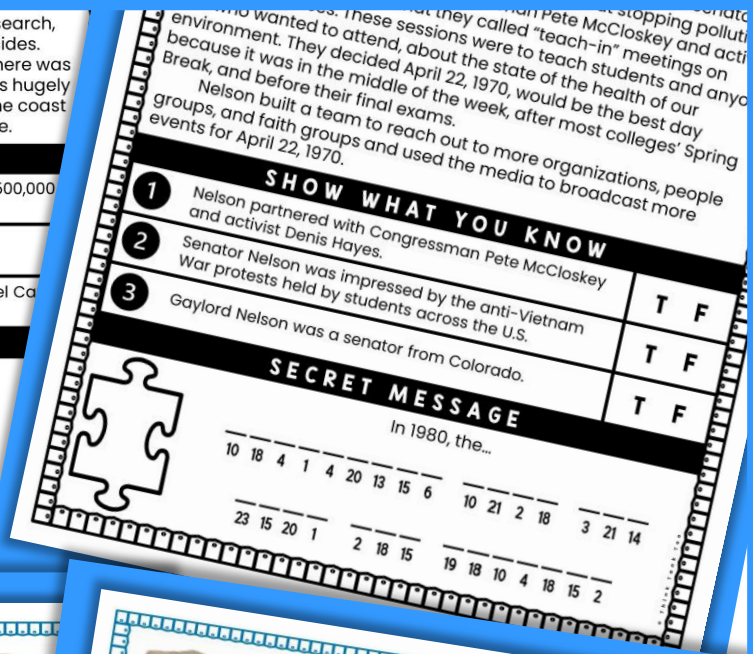
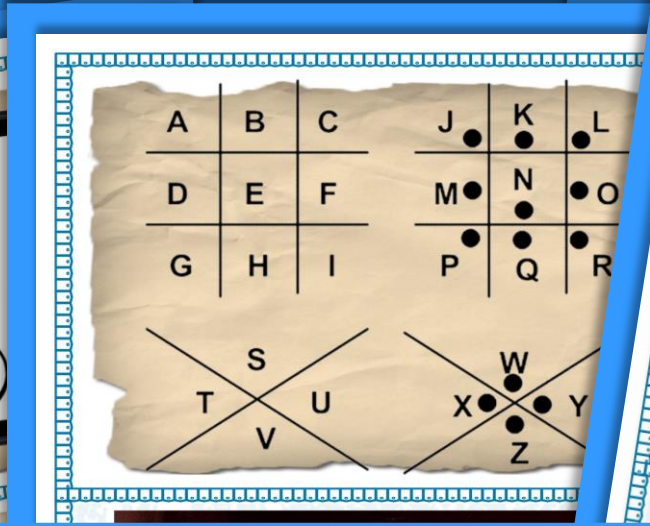
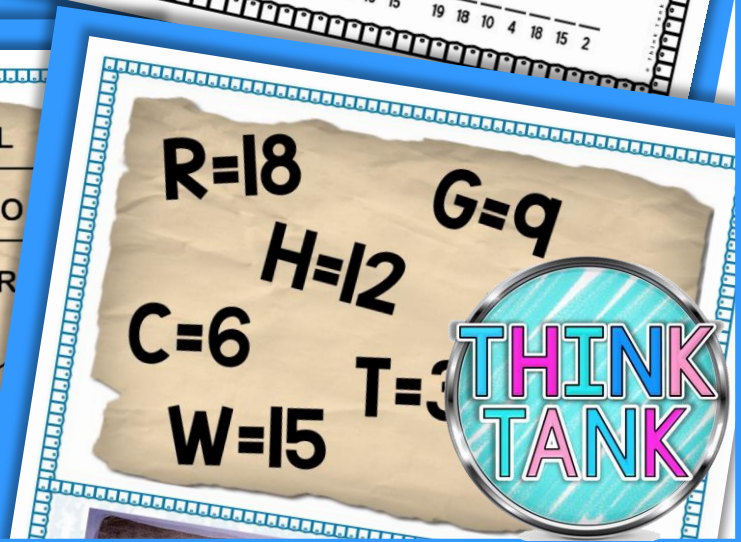








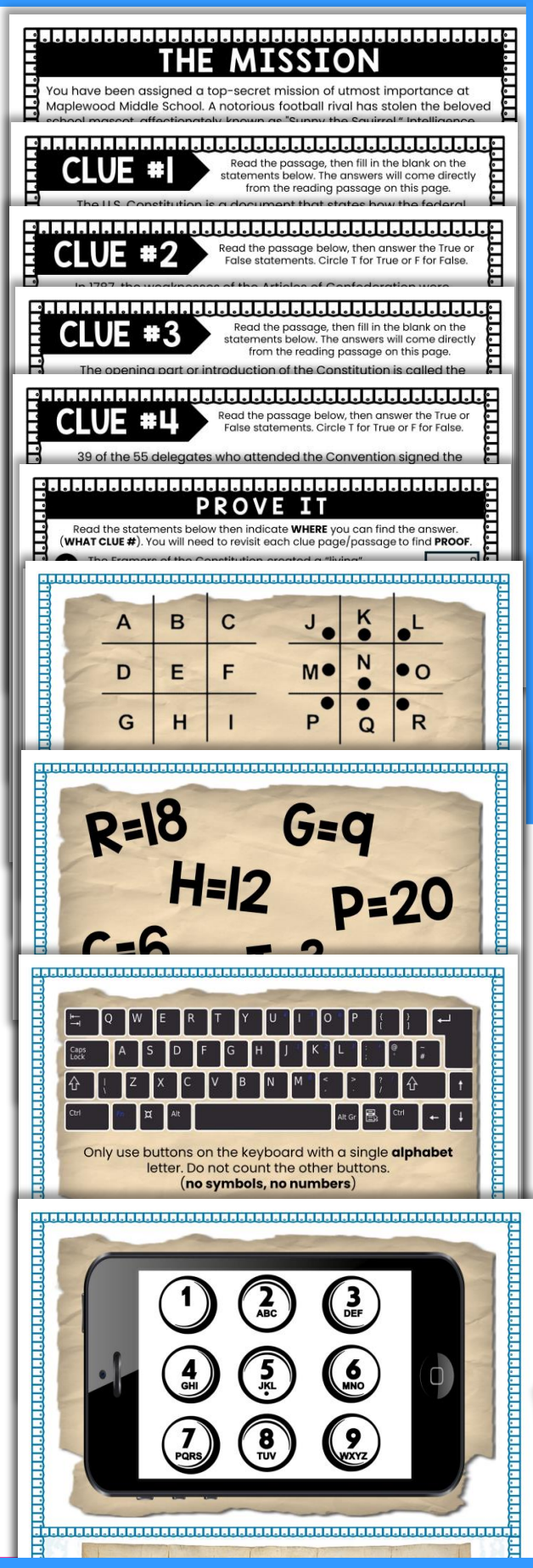


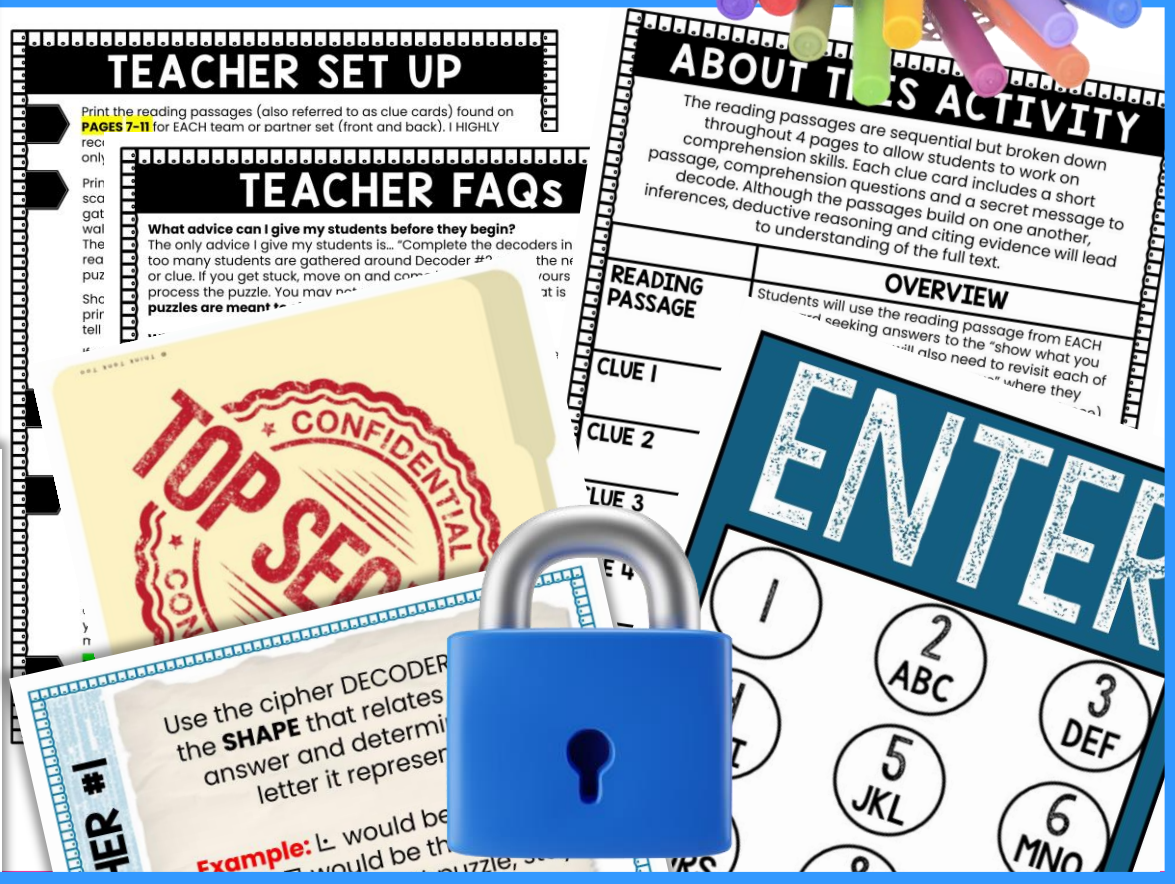


WHAT'S INCLUDED?

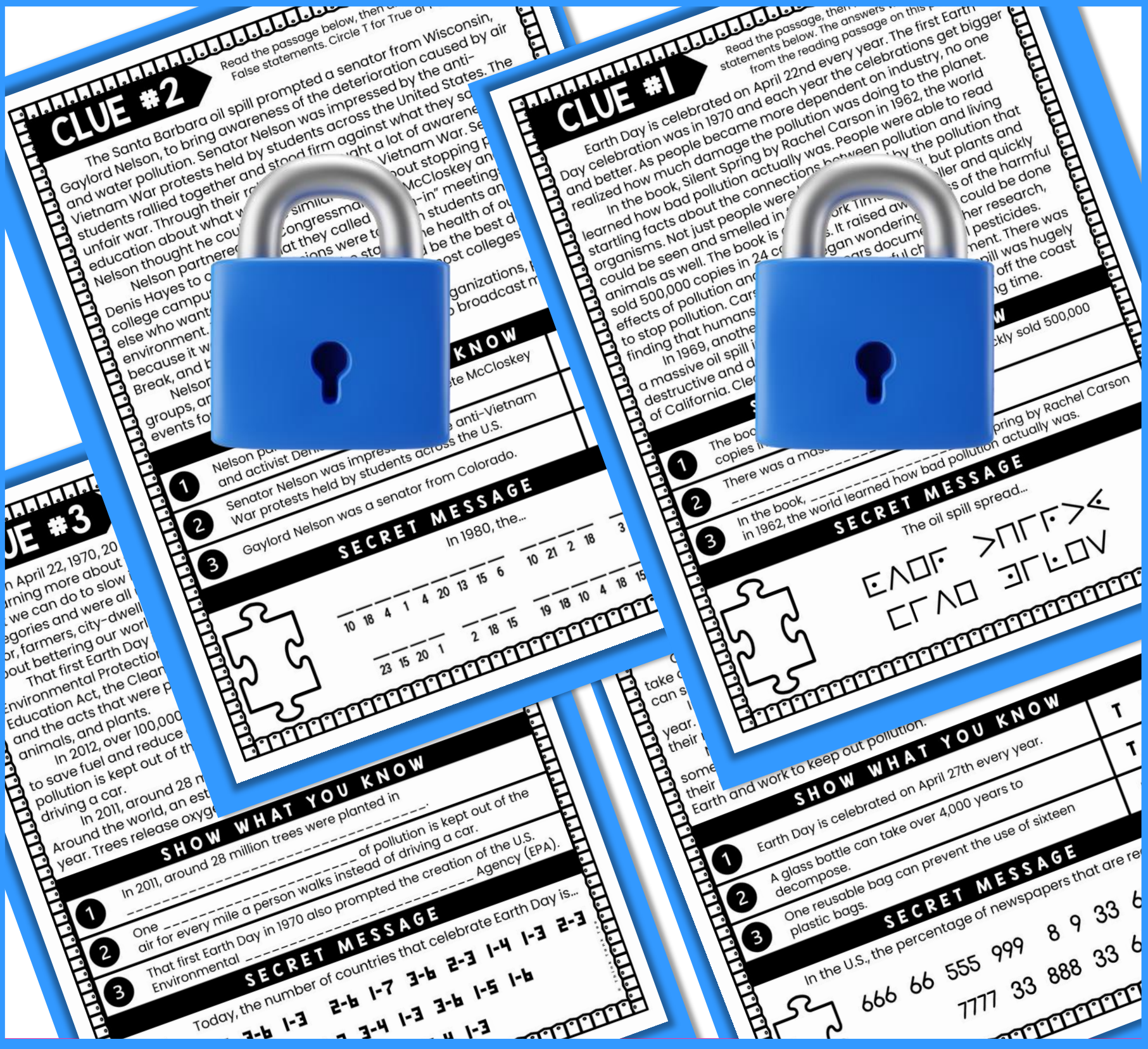
- 4 SHORT READING PASSAGES
- 4 PUZZLE DECODERS (UNLABELED)
- 4 PUZZLE DECODERS (LABELED)
- 18 COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS
- TEACHER SET UP
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- HINT CARDS
- FAQS
- ANSWER KEY
- PROP SIGNS







4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True
The Santa Barbara oil spill prompted a senator from Wisconsin,
Gaylord Nelson, to bring awareness of the deterioration caused by air
and water pollution. Senator Nelson was impressed by the anti-
Vietnam War protests held by students across the United States. The
students rallied together and stood firm against what they
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War protests held by students across the U.S.
Gaylord Nelson was a senator from Colorado.
SECRET MESSAGE
In 1980, the...
10 18 4 1 4 20 13 15 6
10 21 2 18
23 15 20 1
2 18 15
19 18 10 4 18 15
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd every year. The first Earth
Day celebration was in 1970 and each year the celebrations get bigger
and better. As people became more dependent on industry, no one
realized how much damage the pollution was doing to the planet.
In the book, Silent Spring by Rachel Carson in 1962, the world
learned how bad pollution actually was. People were able to read
startling facts about the connections between pollution and living
organisms. Not just people were able to see the pollution that
could be seen and smelled in the air, but plants and
animals as well. The book is credited with making people smaller and quicker
sold 500,000 copies in 24 hours of the harmful
effects of pollution and could be done
to stop pollution. Car her research,
finding that humans pesticides.
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SECRET MESSAGE
The oil spill spread...
CLUE #3
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That first Earth Day
Environmental Protectio
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and the acts that were p
animals, and plants.
In 2012, over 100,000
to save fuel and reduce
pollution is kept out of th
driving a car.
In 2011, around 28 n
Around the world, an est
year. Trees release oxyg
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
In 2011, around 28 million trees were planted in
_____.
One _____ of pollution is kept out of the
air for every mile a person walks instead of driving a car.
That first Earth Day in 1970 also prompted the creation of the U.S.
Environmental _____ Agency (EPA).
SECRET MESSAGE
Today, the number of countries that celebrate Earth Day is...
2-6 1-7 3-6 2-3 1-4 1-3 2-3
3-6 1-3
3-4 1-3 3-6 1-5 1-6
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Earth and work to keep out pollution.
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
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Earth Day is celebrated on April 27th every year.
A glass bottle can take over 4,000 years to
decompose.
One reusable bag can prevent the use of sixteen
plastic bags.
SECRET MESSAGE
In the U.S., the percentage of newspapers that are re
666 66 555 999 8 9 33 6
7777 33 888 33 6

4 DECODERS


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Y=1
G=6
O=23
S=14
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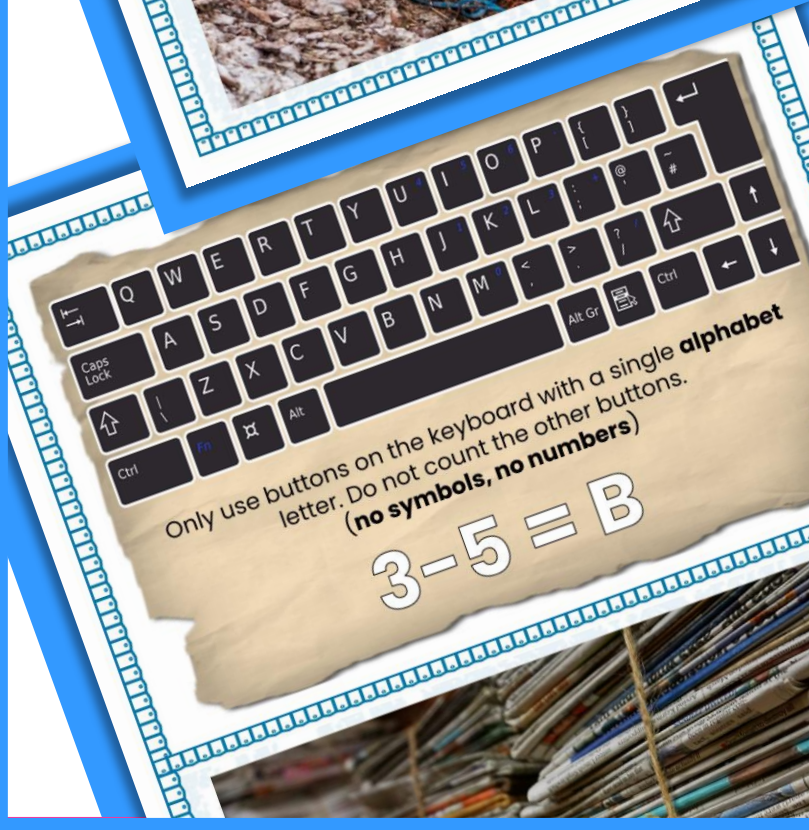
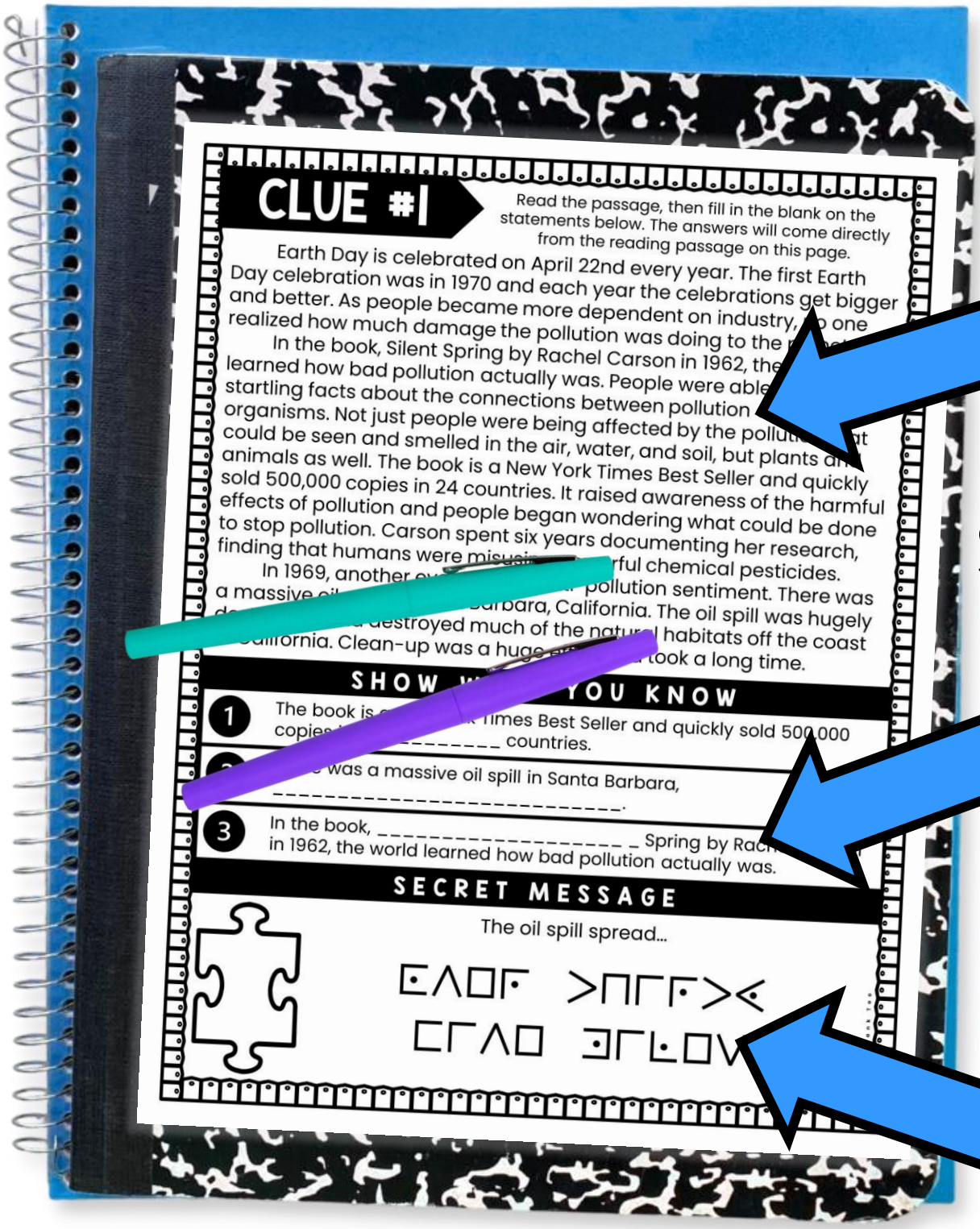
GLASS


Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single **alphabet** letter. Do not count the other buttons.
(**no symbols, no numbers**)
3-5 = B


4 GHI
5 JKL
6 MNO
7 PQRS
8 TUV
9 WXYZ

READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

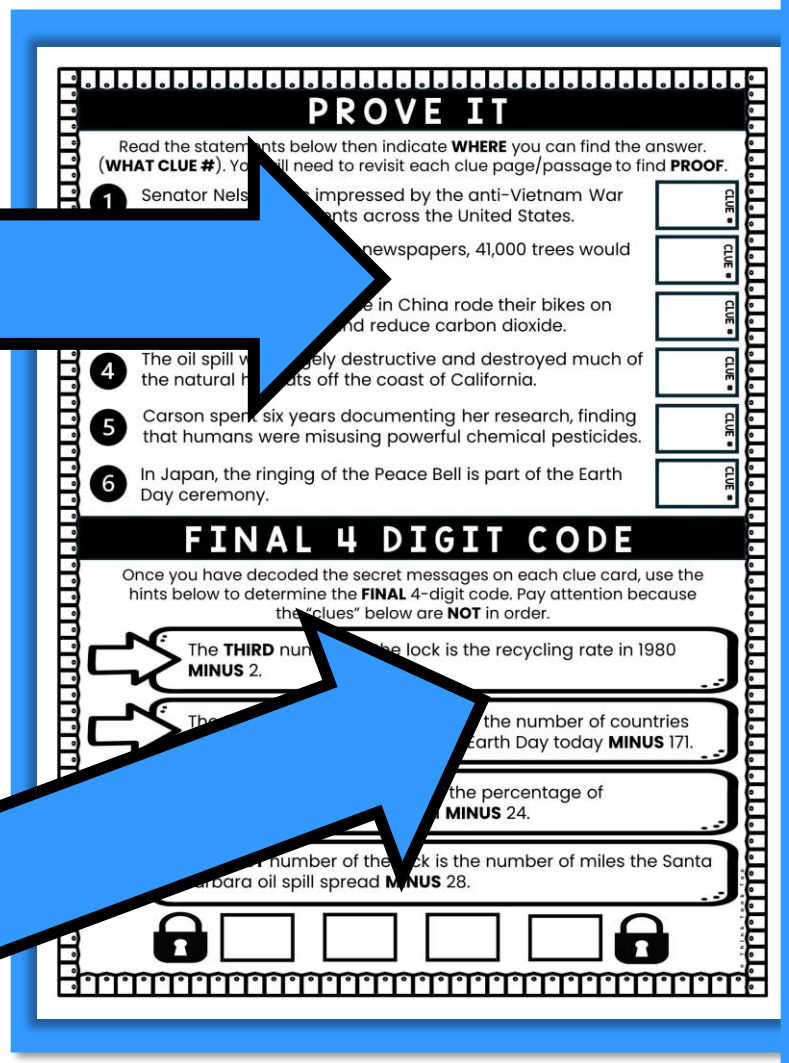
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

DECODE THE MESSAGE

FINAL CODE

CITING TEXT EVIDENCE

Students will read the final code statements then PROVE WHERE they found the answer (CLUE #). This will ensure that students read and revisit the reading passages multiple times seeking text evidence.



CRITICAL THINKING

Students will use critical thinking skills to decode the secret messages. They will then use the information revealed in the message to determine the final 4-digit code.



HOW IT WORKS







ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1. There are 4 clue cards and 4 puzzle decoders. Each clue card includes a short reading passage, questions to check for understanding, and a secret message to decode.

2. Students will work in pairs (or individually) and race to complete all 4 clue cards. A friendly competition always increases engagement. As students progress through the escape room, they will earn "clues" to determine the final 4-digit code. The final code is also a puzzle!



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ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passages are sequential but broken down throughout 4 pages to allow students to work on comprehension skills. Each clue card includes a short passage, comprehension questions and a secret message to decode. Although the passages build on one another, inferences, deductive reasoning and citing evidence will lead to understanding of the full text.

	OVERVIEW
READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage from EACH clue card seeking answers to the "show what you know" portion. They will also need to revisit each of the 4 clue card passages to "prove" where they found the answer for the final code (text evidence)
CLUE 1	Students will read the passage, answer 3 fill in the blank questions, and reveal a secret message using a puzzle decoder.
CLUE 2	Students will read the passage, answer 3 True False questions, and reveal a secret message using a puzzle decoder.
CLUE 3	Students will read the passage, answer 3 fill in the blank questions, and reveal a secret message using a puzzle decoder.
CLUE 4	Students will read the passage, answer 3 True or False questions, and reveal a secret message using a puzzle decoder.
FINAL CODE	As students progress through the escape room, they will decode "clues" to determine the final 4-digit code. The final code is also a puzzle! In order to "escape" students must present correct answers for EVERY question as well as the decoded secret messages and final 4-digit code.

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BENEFITS

- ✅ PRINT & GO
- ✅ CLOSE READING
- ✅ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✅ SECRET CODES
- ✅ CITING EVIDENCE
- ✅ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✅ MOVEMENT
- ✅ ACTIVE LEARNING
- ✅ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✅ HIGHLY ENGAGING
- ✅ NO LOCKS NEEDED
- ✅ NO ENVELOPES TO STUFF
- ✅ NO ODD SHAPES TO CUT

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!



USE FOR



ANTICIPATORY SETS

UNIT REVIEW

EARLY FINISHERS

STATIONS

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