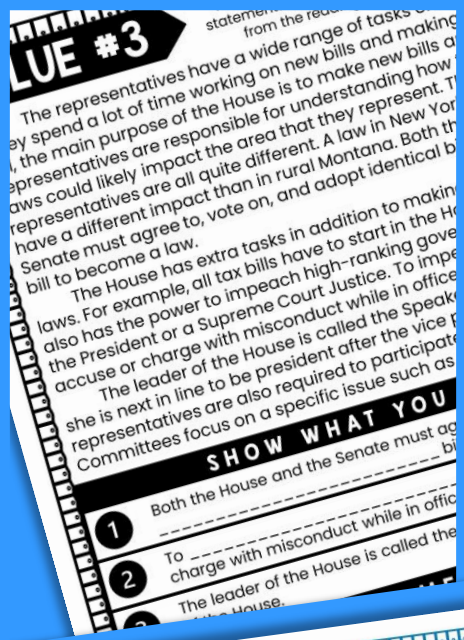
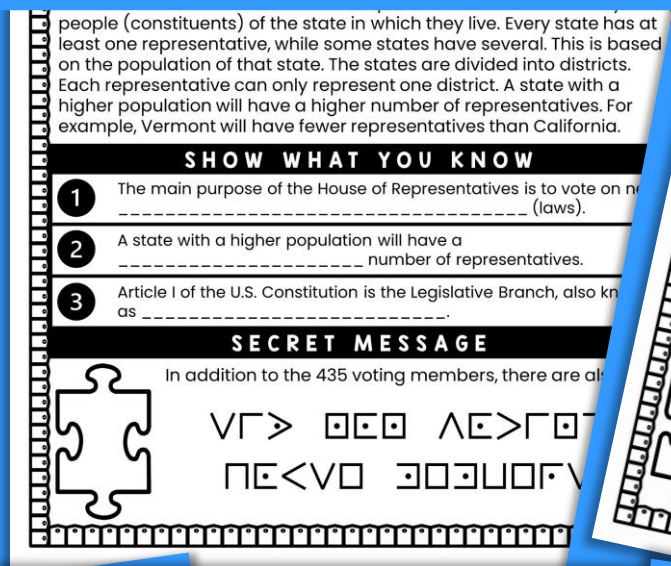
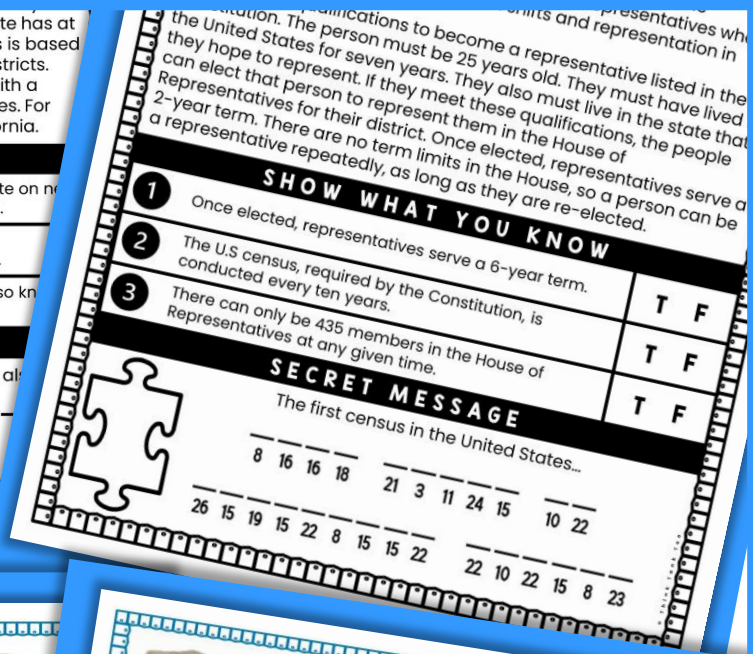
# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# ESCAPE ROOM

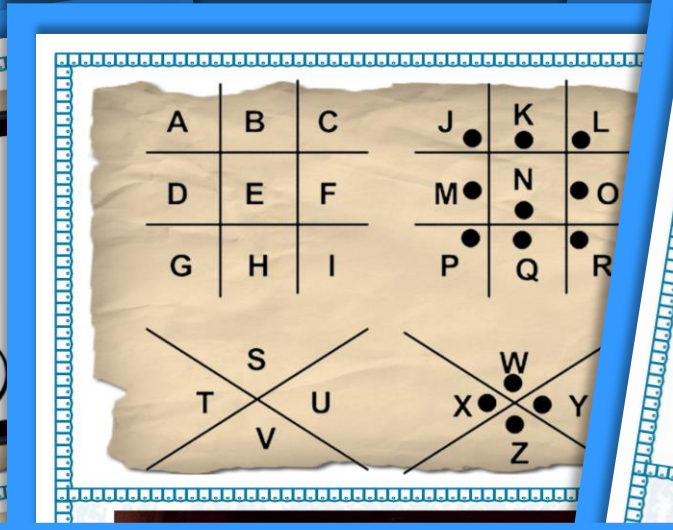


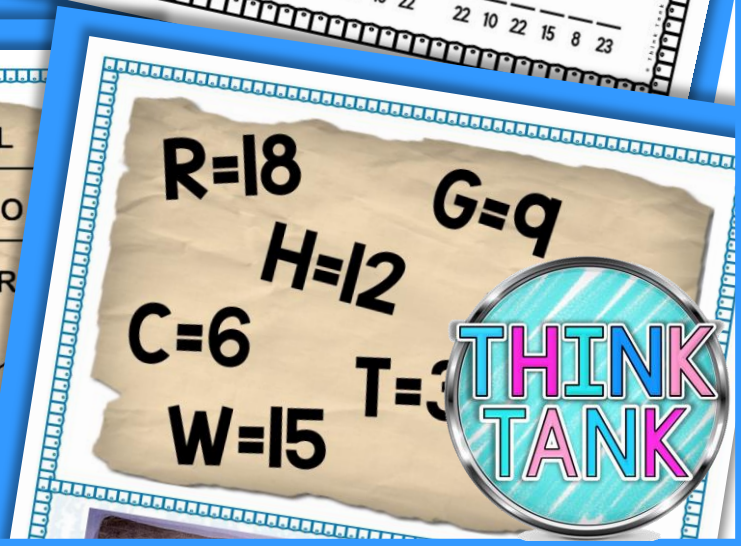







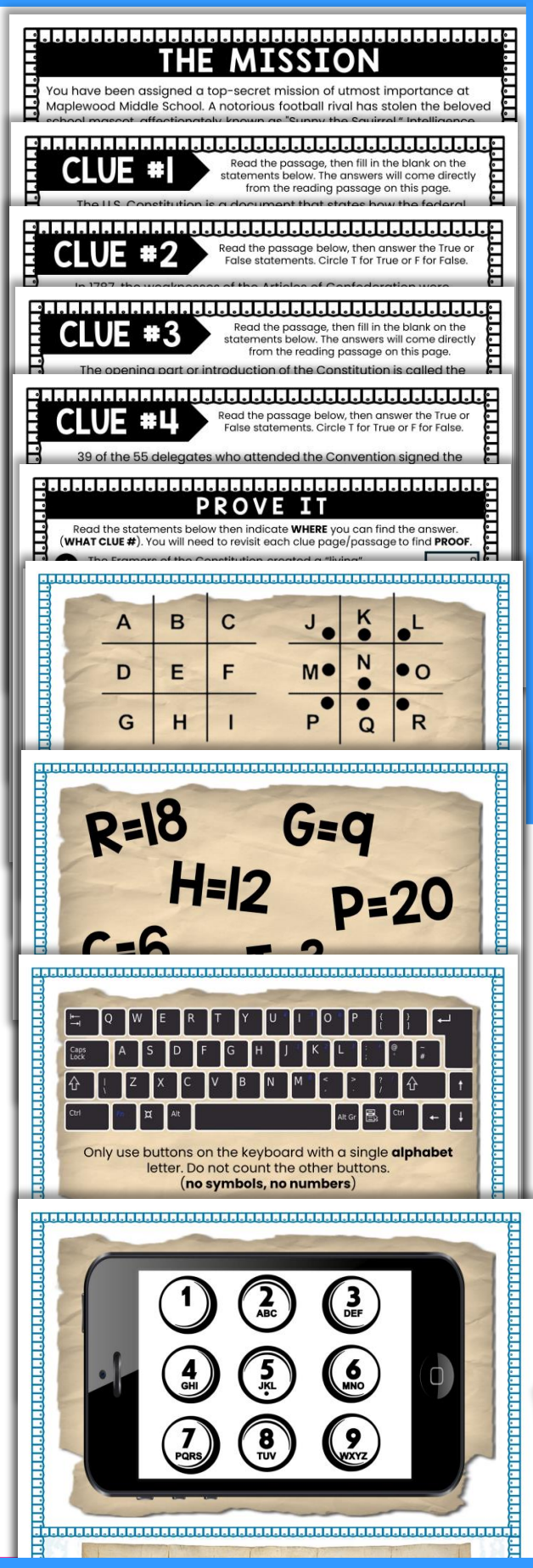


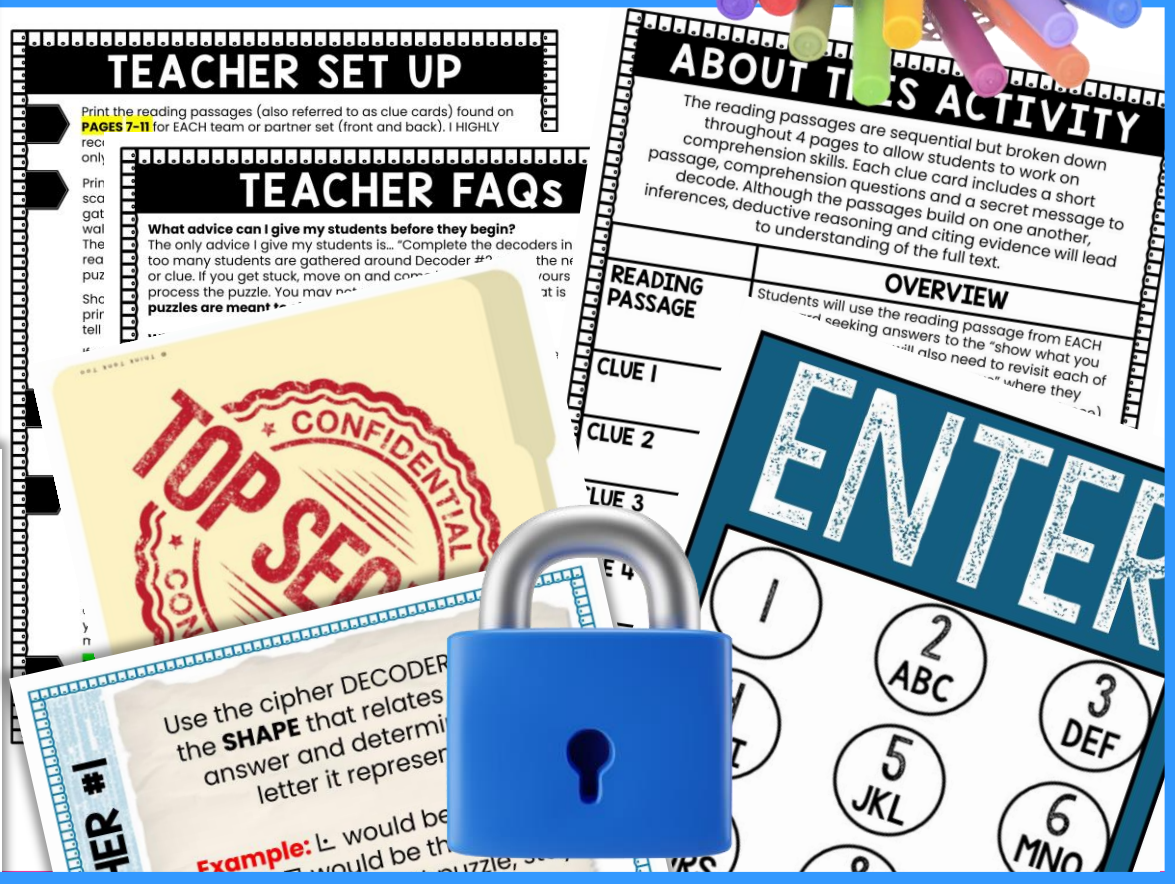



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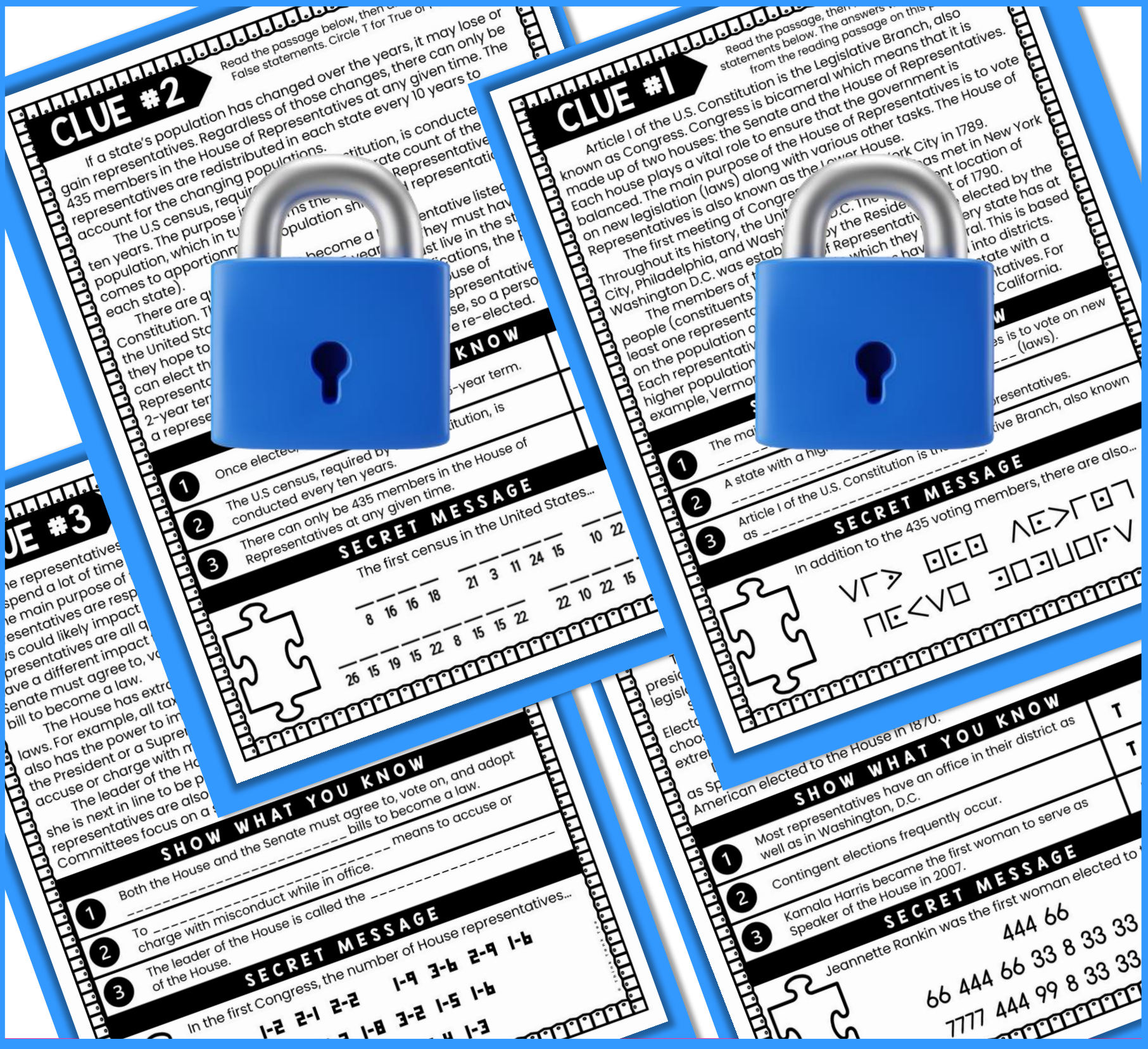
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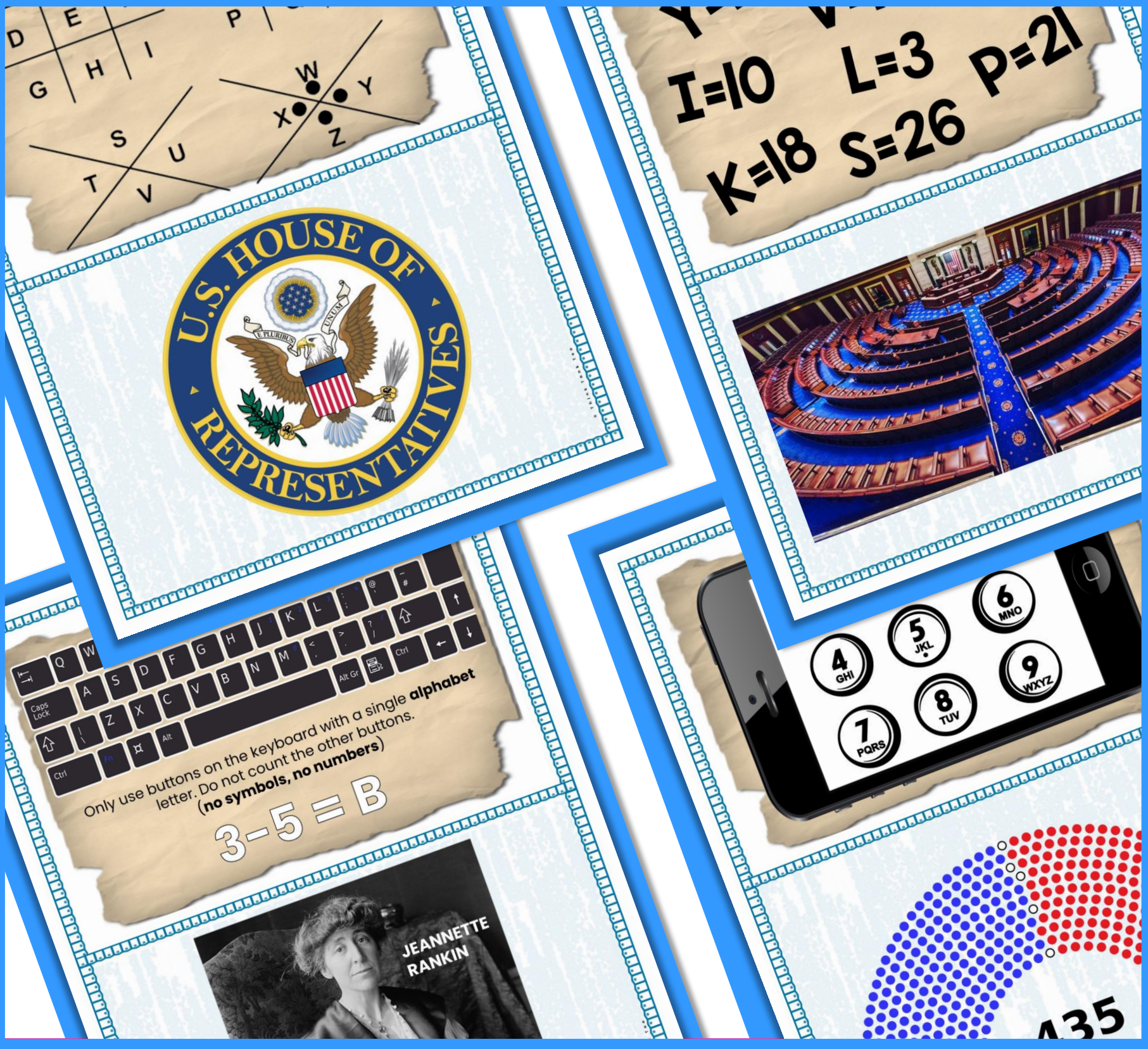


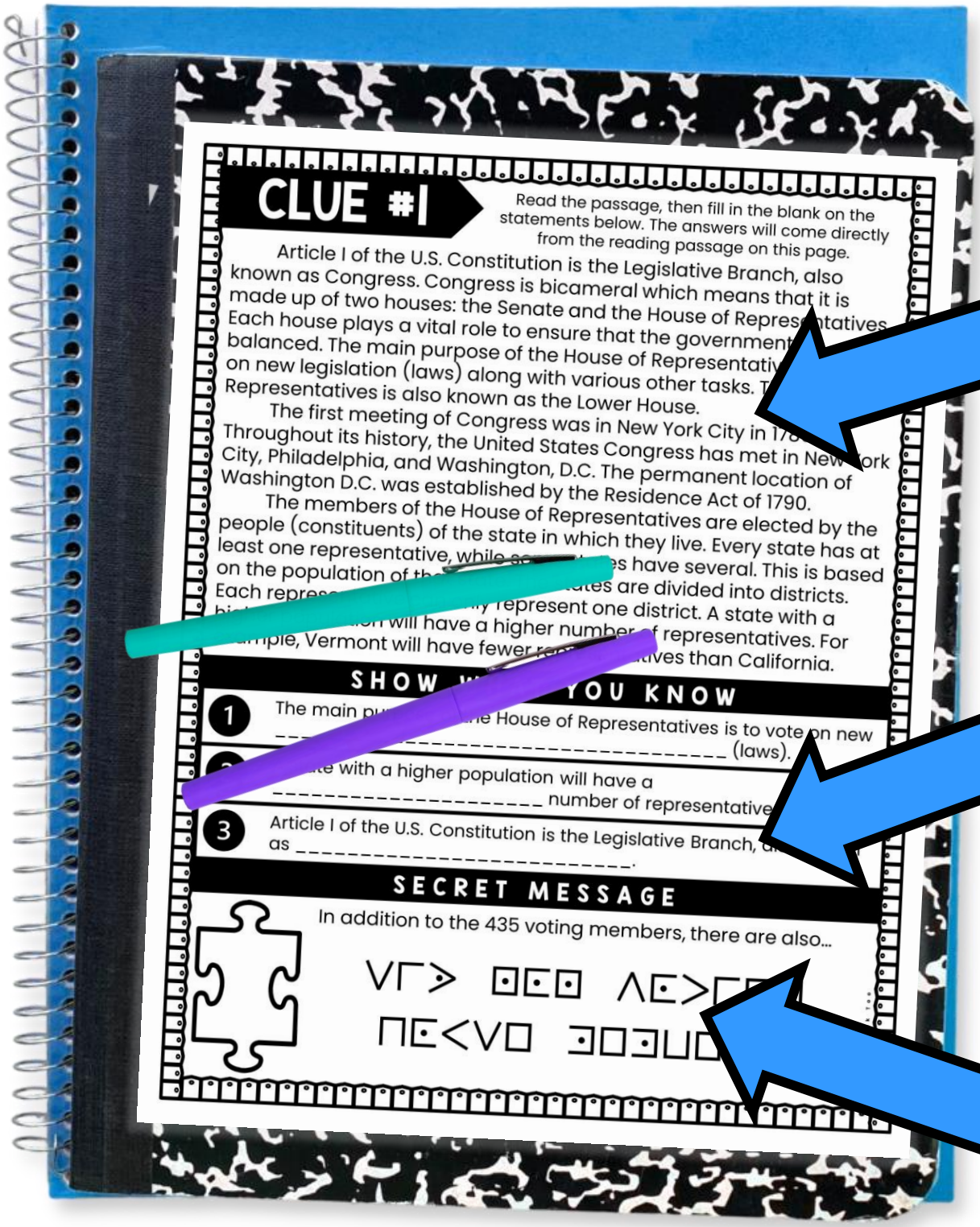
# 4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True
If a state's population has changed over the years, it may lose or
gain representatives. Regardless of those changes, there can only be
435 members in the House of Representatives at any given time. The
representatives are redistributed in each state every 10 years to
account for the changing populations.
The U.S census, requir
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There can only be 435 members in the House of
Representatives at any given time.
SECRET MESSAGE
The first census in the United States...
8 16 16 18 21 3 11 24 15 10 22
26 15 19 15 22 8 15 15 22 22 10 22 15
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
Article I of the U.S. Constitution is the Legislative Branch, also
known as Congress. Congress is bicameral which means that it is
made up of two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives.
Each house plays a vital role to ensure that the government is
balanced. The main purpose of the House of Representatives is to vote
on new legislation (laws) along with various other tasks. The House of
Representatives is also known as the Lower House.
The first meeting of Congress was met in New York
Throughout its history, the United States has had 8 different location of
City, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. was established in 1790.
Washington D.C. The
The members of the House are elected by the
people (constituents) in their state. Every state has at
least one representative. This is based
on the population of each state. Each representative
higher population, the more representatives. For
example, Vermont has
SECRET MESSAGE
In addition to the 435 voting members, there are also...
CLUE #3
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
Both the House and the Senate must agree to, vote on, and adopt
_____ bills to become a law.
To _____ means to accuse or
charge with misconduct while in office.
The leader of the House is called the _____
of the House.
SECRET MESSAGE
In the first Congress, the number of House representatives...
1-2 2-1 2-2 1-9 3-6 2-9 1-6
1-8 3-2 1-5 1-6
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
Most representatives have an office in their district as
well as in Washington, D.C.
Contingent elections frequently occur.
Kamala Harris became the first woman to serve as
Speaker of the House in 2007.
SECRET MESSAGE
Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to
444 66
66 444 66 33 8 33 33
7777 444 99 8 33 33

# 4 DECODERS


D E P
G H I
W Y
X Z
S
T U V
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
I=10 L=3 P=21
K=18 S=26
Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single alphabet letter. Do not count the other buttons. (no symbols, no numbers)
3-5 = B
JEANNETTE RANKIN
435

# READ & THINK




READ THE PASSAGE

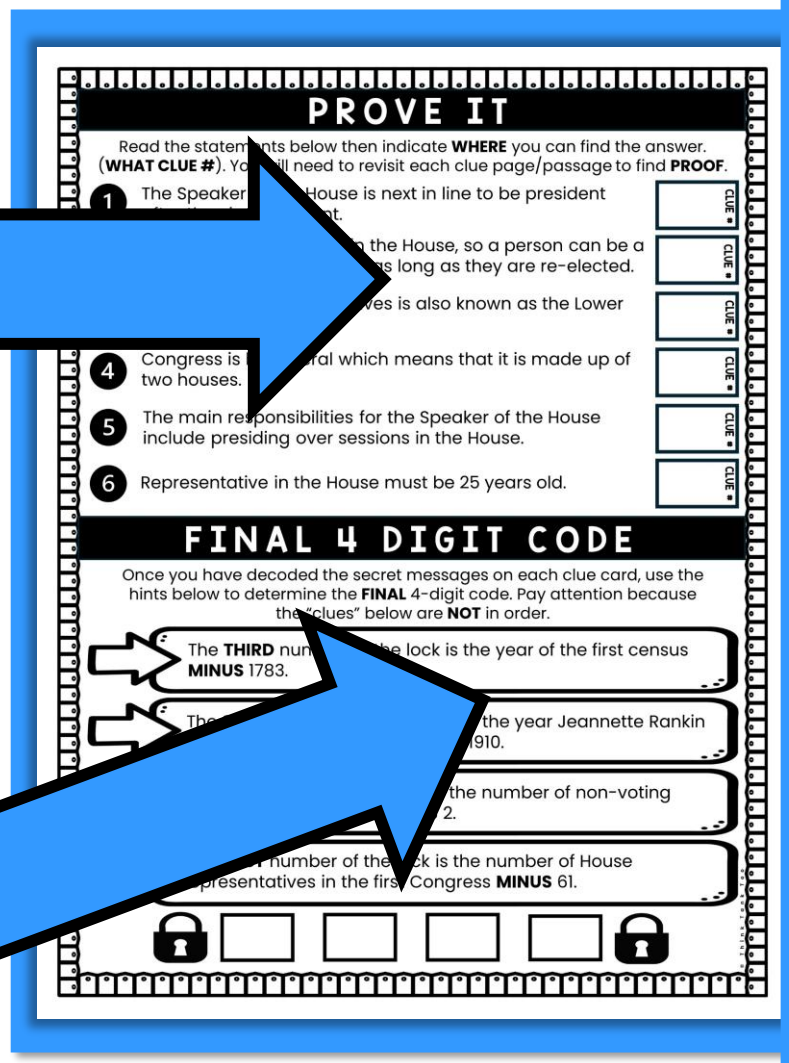
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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!



# PRINT & GO



## 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

REWARD ACTIVITY

SUB PLANS

COLLABORATION

ENRICHMENT

GALLERY WALK