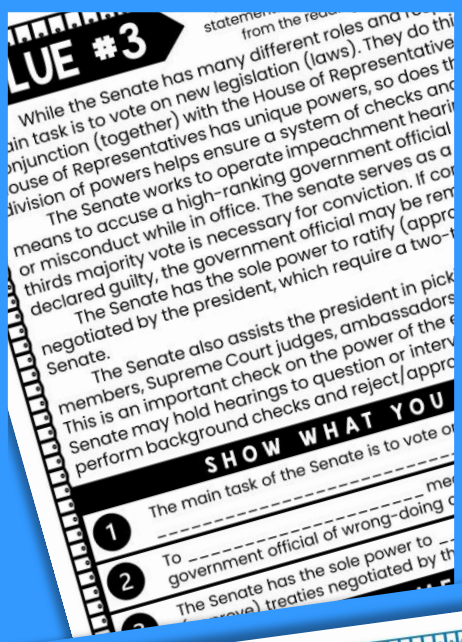
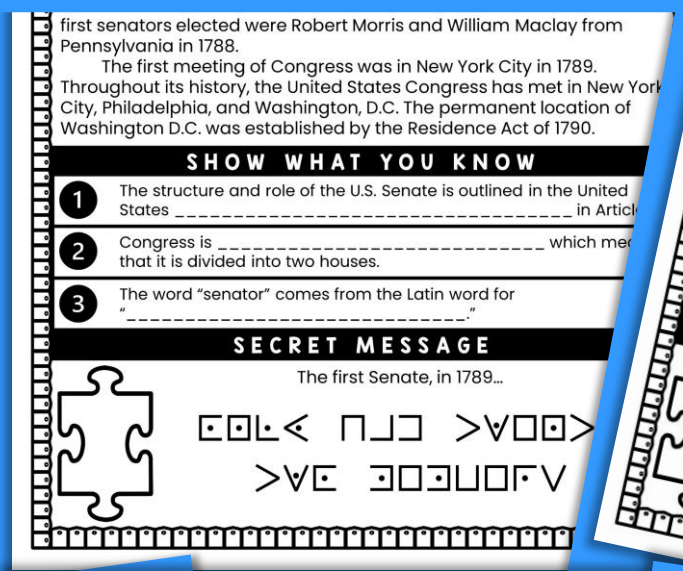
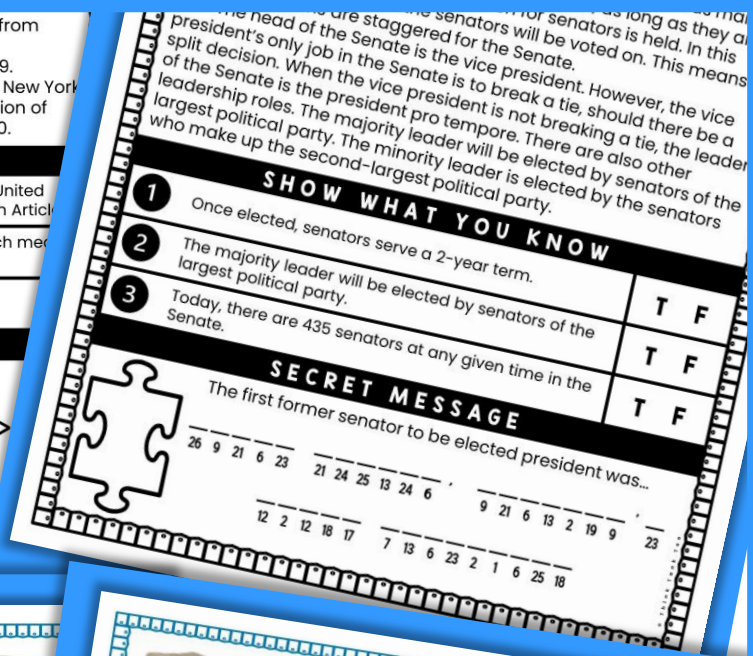
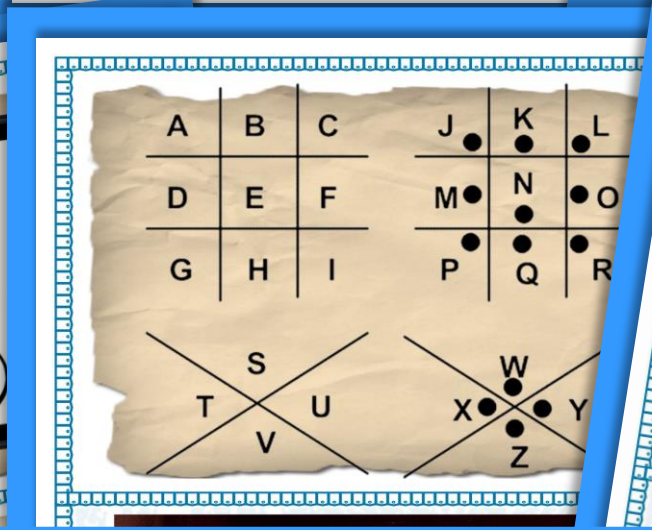
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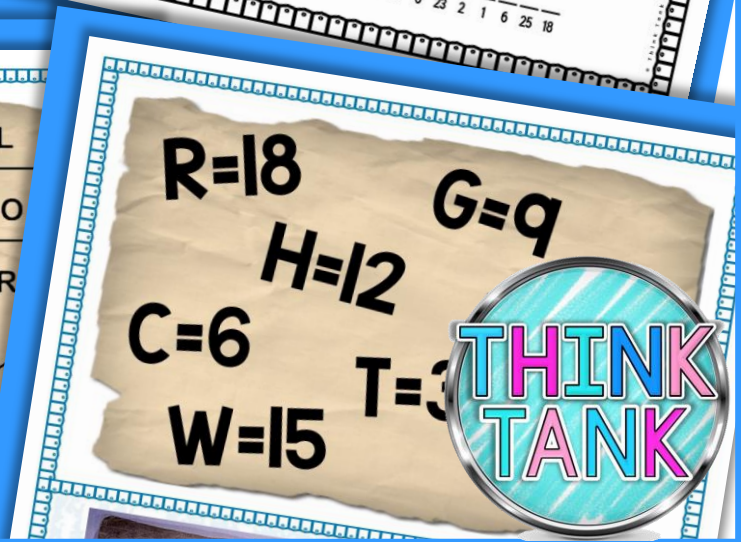








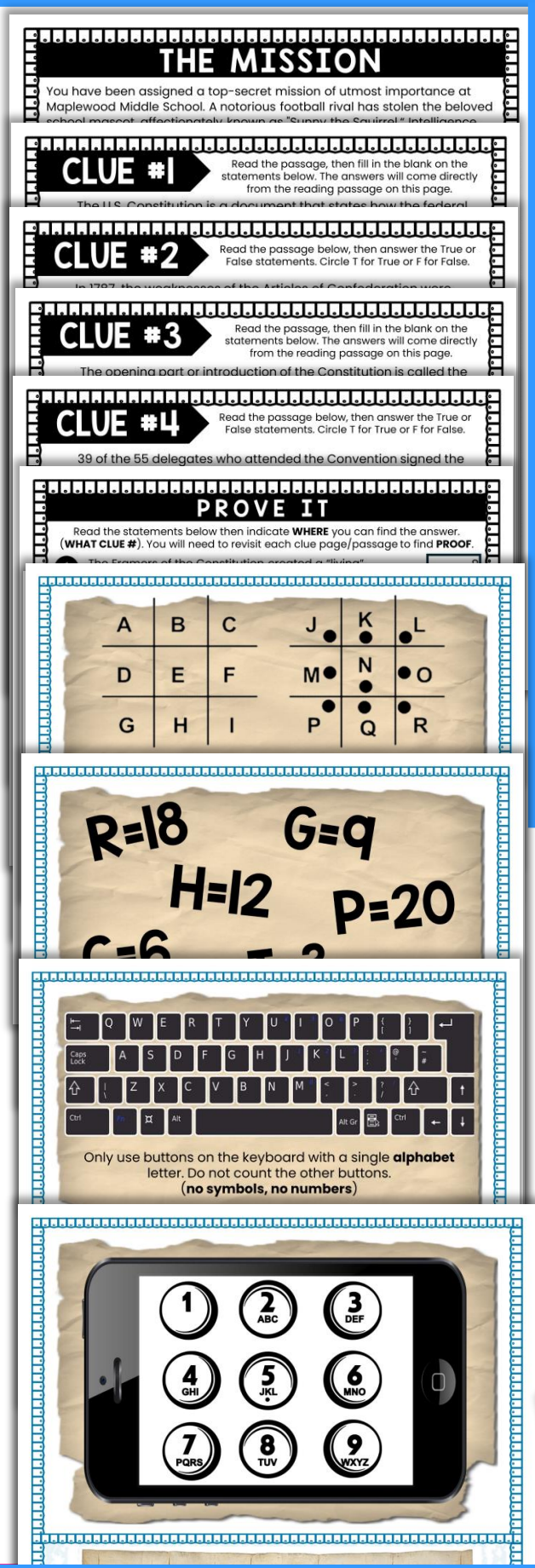


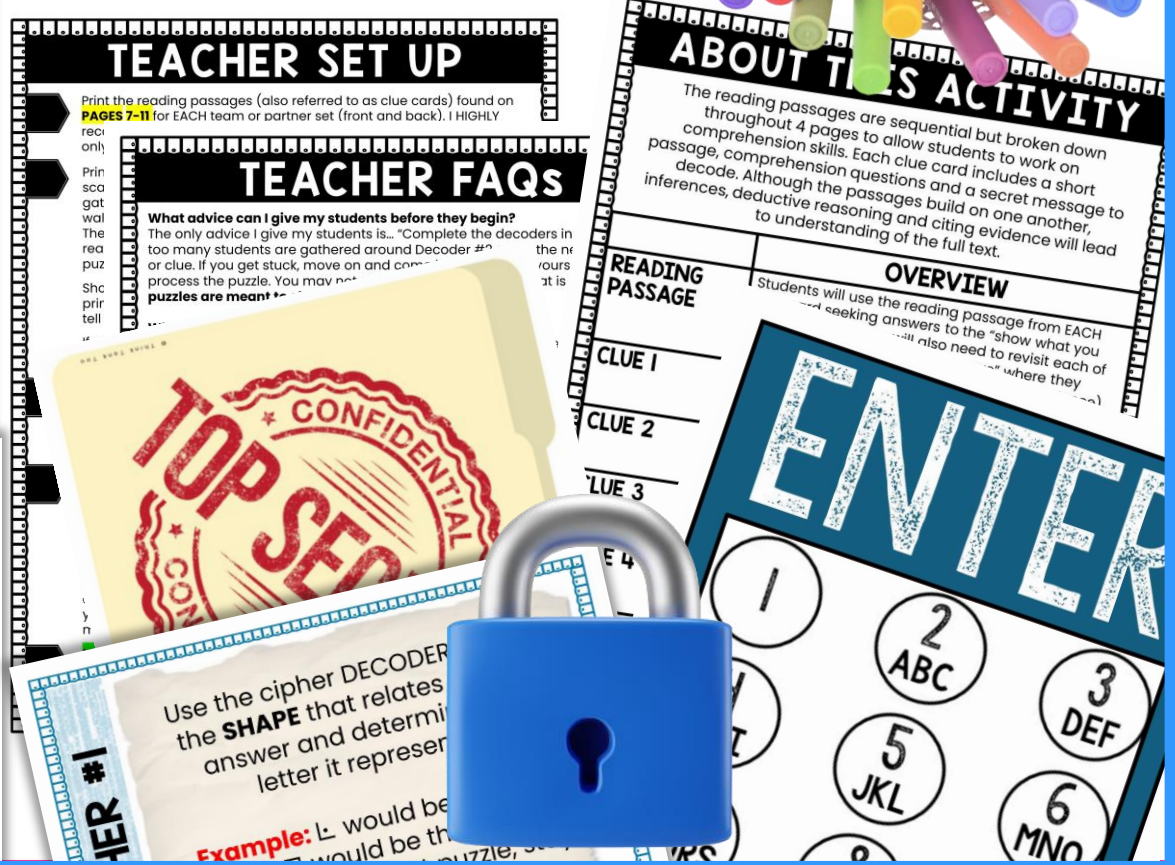


WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 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



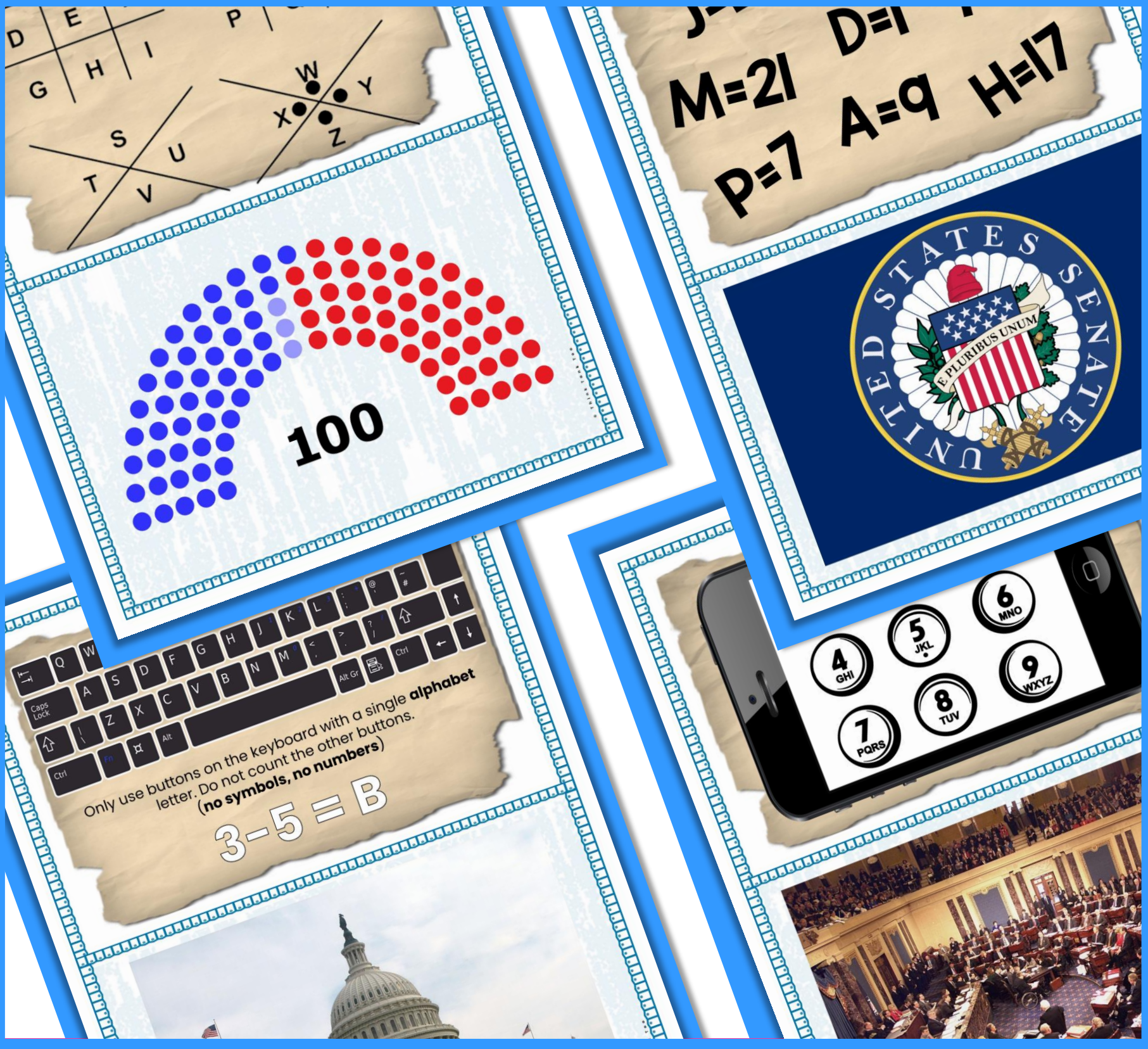




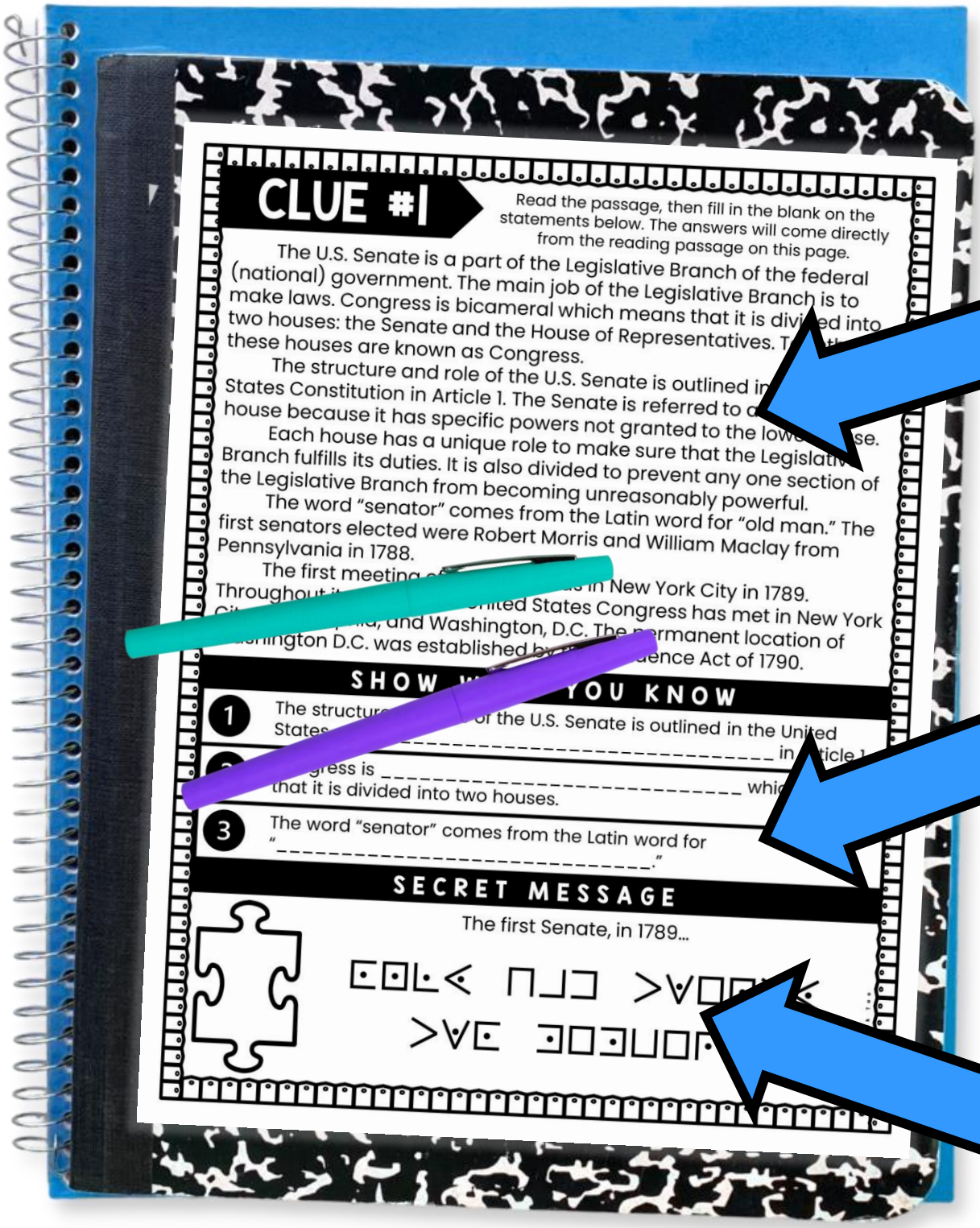
4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True
Today, there are 100 senators at any given time in the Senate. All
states have two senators regardless of population or geographic size.
There are requirements to be a senator listed in the Constitution.
A senator must be 30 years old, must have been a U.S. citizen for at
least the last nine years, and must be a legal resident of the
they are representing.
Senators serve a
terms as they like
re-elected. Every two
election, only on
that the election
The head
president's on
split decision
of the Senat
leadership
largest po
who mak
SECRET MESSAGE
The first former senator to be elected president
26 9 21 6 23
21 24 25 13 24 6
9 21 6 13 2
12 2 12 18 17
7 13 6 23 2 1 6 25 18
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
The U.S. Senate is a part of the Legislative Branch of the federal
(national) government. The main job of the Legislative Branch is to
make laws. Congress is bicameral which means that it is divided into
two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Together,
these houses are known as Congress.
The structure and role of the U.S. Senate is outlined in the United
States Constitution in Article 1. The Senate is referred to as the "upper"
house because it has specific
Each house has a unique
Branch fulfills its duties. It is
the Legislative Branch from
The word "senato
first senators elected
Pennsylvania in 1788
The first meeti
Throughout its hist
City, Philadelphia,
Washington D.C.
SECRET MESSAGE
The first Senate, in 1789...
CLUE #3
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
The main task of the Senate is to vote on new _____ (laws).
To _____ means to accuse a high-ranking
government official of wrong-doing or misconduct while in office.
The Senate has the sole power to _____
(approve) treaties negotiated by the president.
SECRET MESSAGE
The first female senator was Rebecca Felton, elected in...
3-6 1-8 3-6 1-3 1-5 1-3 1-3 3-6
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
To override a presidential veto, a three-fourths vote in
both houses is necessary.
The strategy of prolonging is called a filibuster.
Both houses of Congress must approve laws in
order for them to go into effect.
SECRET MESSAGE
As a senator, Strom Thurmond served...
333 666 777 8 999
33 444 4 44 8
999 33 2 777 7777

4 DECODERS


D E
G H I
P
W
X Y
Z
S
T U
V
100
M=21
D=
P=7
A=9
H=17
UNITED STATES SENATE
E PLURIBUS UNUM
Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single alphabet letter. Do not count the other buttons.
(no symbols, no numbers)
3-5 = B
6 MNO
5 JKL
4 GHI
9 WXYZ
8 TUV
7 PQRS

READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

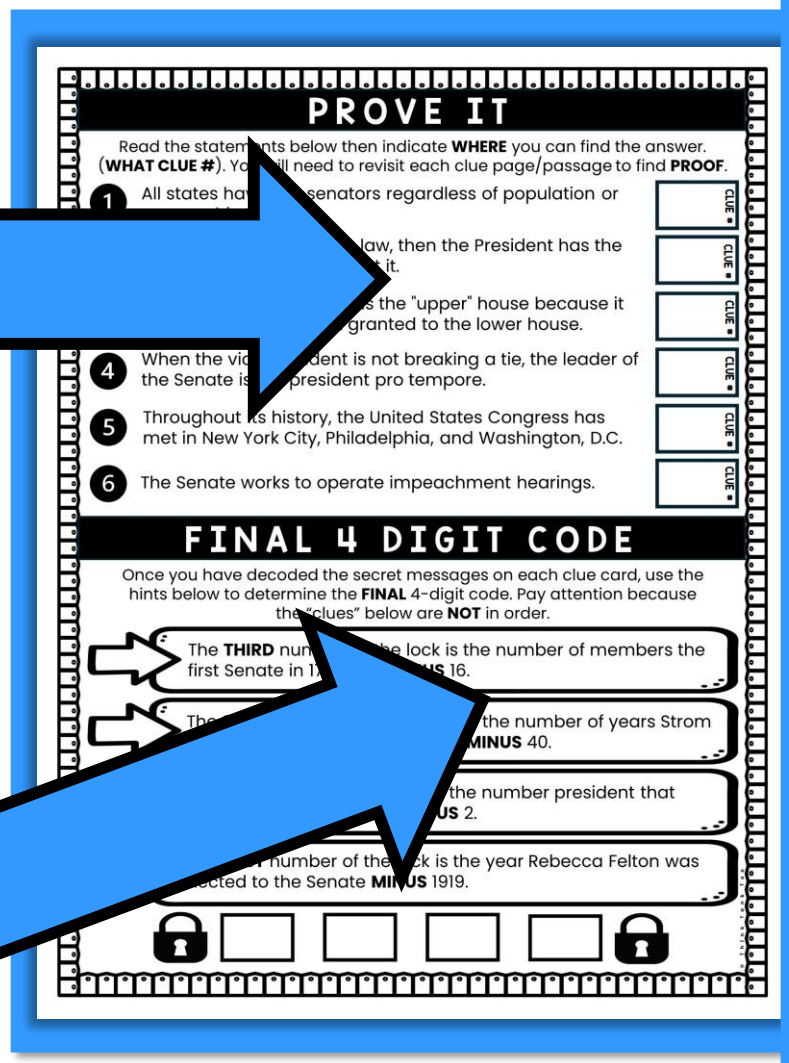
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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



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UNIT REVIEW

EARLY FINISHERS

STATIONS

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SUB PLANS

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