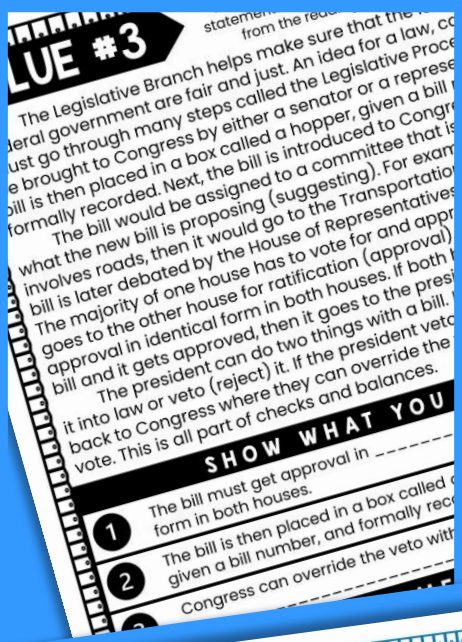
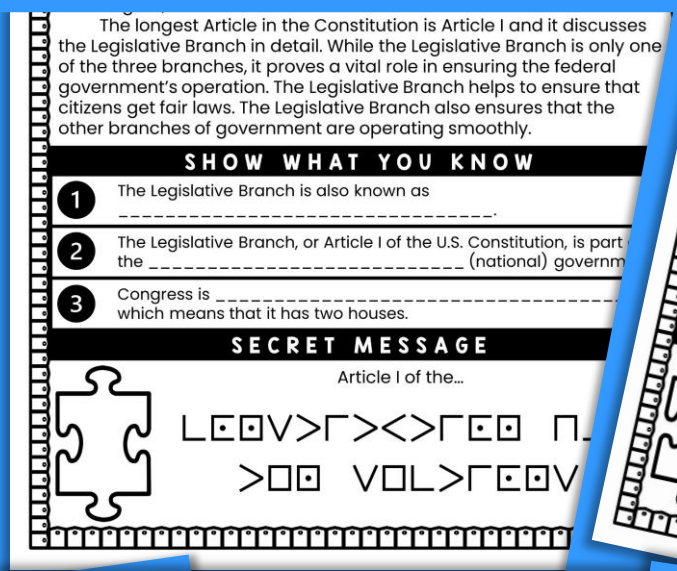
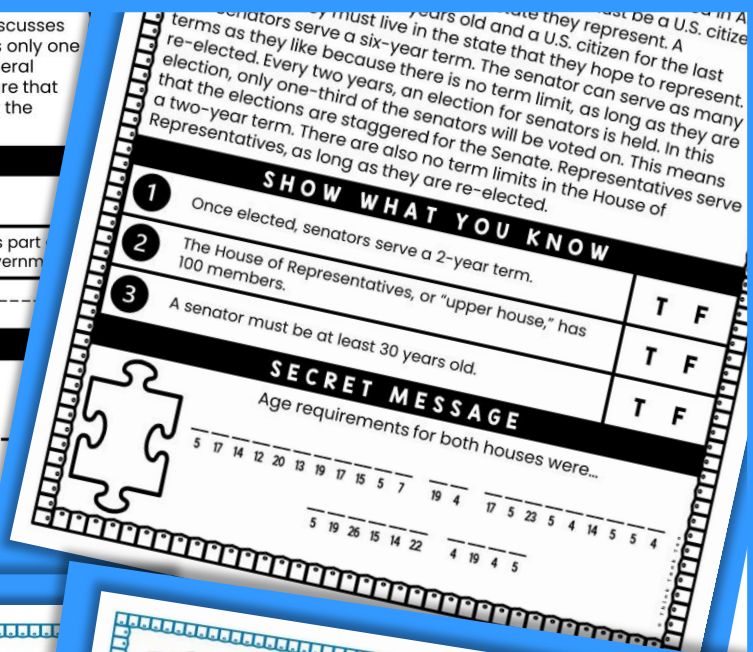
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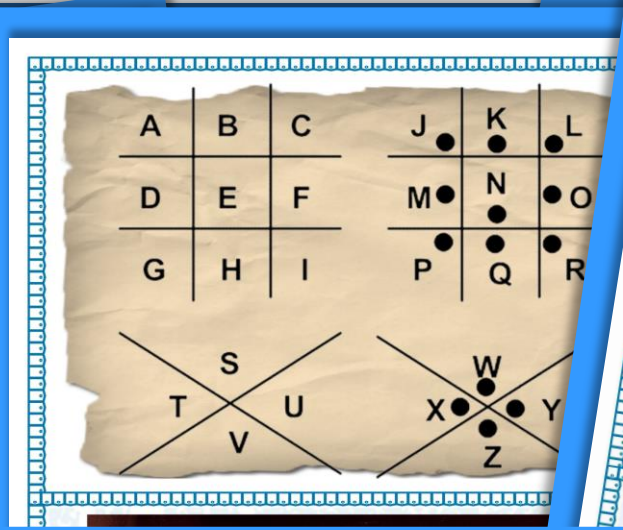
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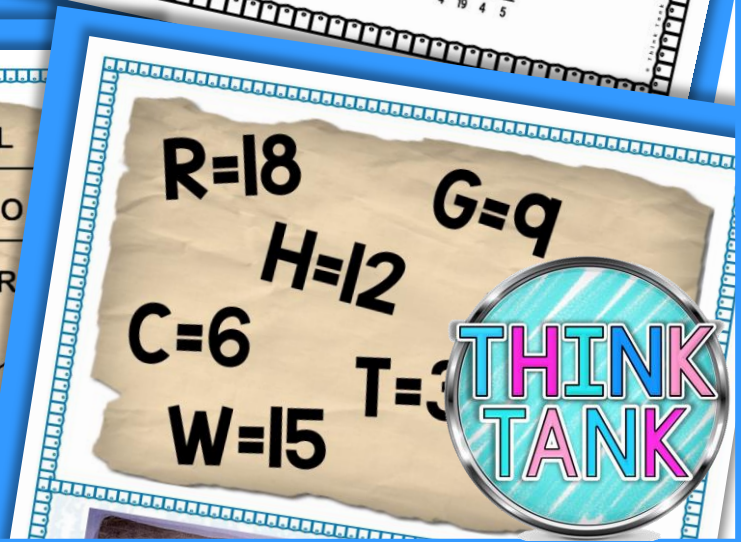








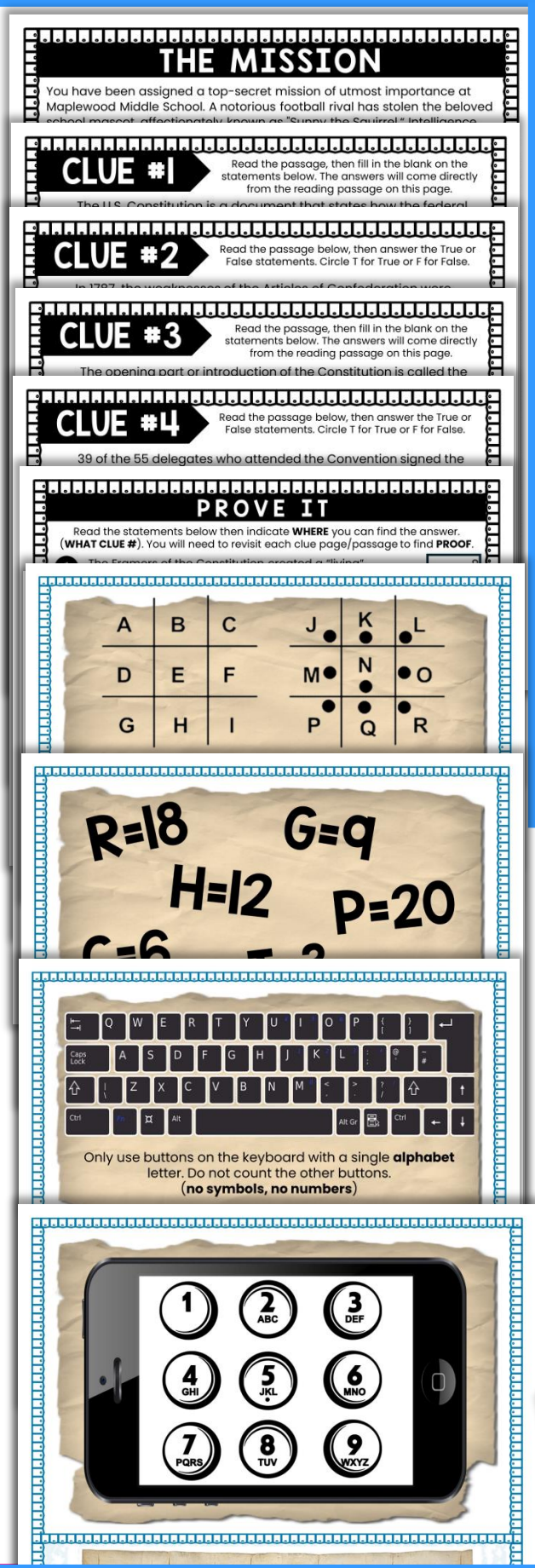


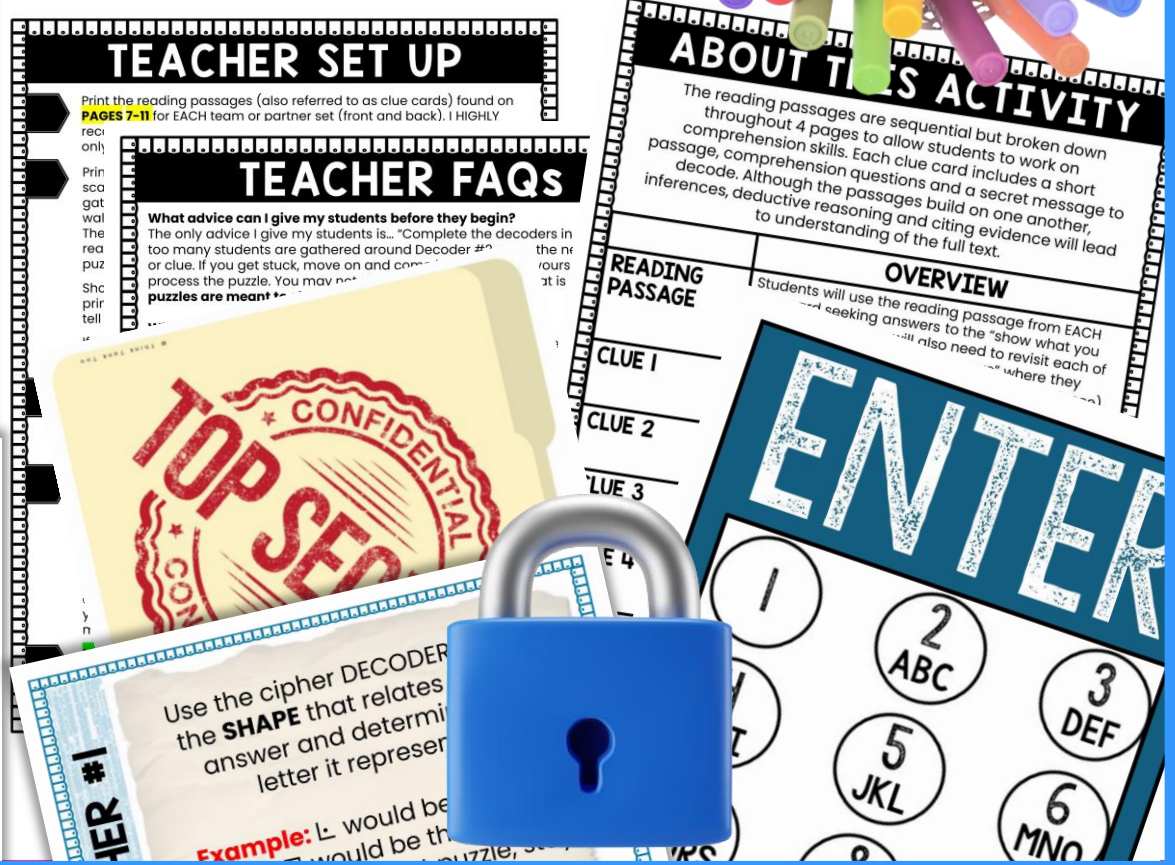


WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 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



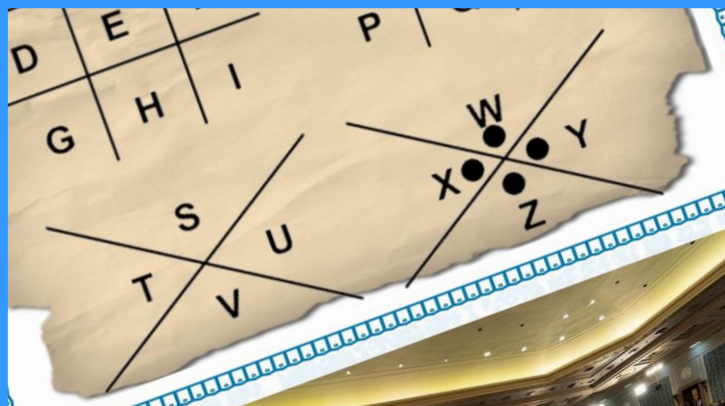




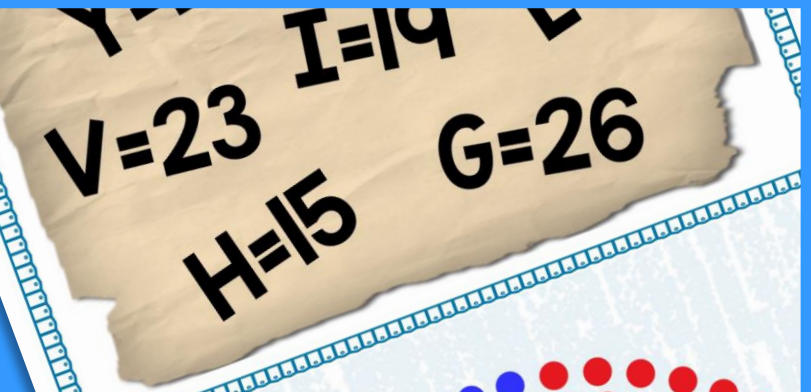
4 CLUE CARDS

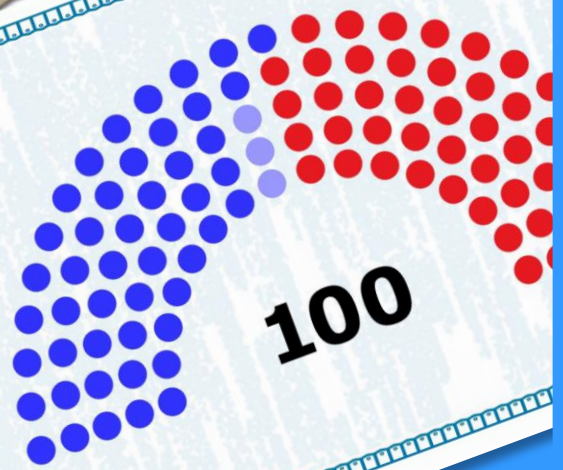

CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True
The Senate, or "upper house," has 100 members with each state
having two senators. The House of Representatives, or "lower house,"
has 435 members but the number of representatives per state is
based on population. The leader of the Senate is the vice president,
but when they are not
Pro Tempore. The leader
There are different
1. A senator must be at
for at least nine years
representative
seven years. Th
Senators
terms as they
re-elected. E
election, onl
that the ele
a two-yea
Represen
KNOW
1 Once elected,
2 The House of Representati
100 members.
3 A senator must be at least 30 years old.
SECRET MESSAGE
Age requirements for both houses were...
5 17 14 12 20 13 19 17 15 5 7
19 4
17 5 23 5 4
5 19 26 15 14 22
4 19 4 5
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
The Legislative Branch, or Article I of the U.S. Constitution, is part
the federal (national) government of the United States. The main role
of this branch is to create laws, although it has other responsibilities
as well. The power of the federal government is divided between the
three branches to have a separation of powers. This means that each
branch has a different role and responsibility ensuring that the federal
government operates without becoming excessively powerful.
The Legislative Branch is
bicameral which means that
House of Representatives. Th
legislators. Members of Con
Washington, D.C.
The longest Artic
the Legislative Branch
of the three branch
government's oper
citizens get fair la
other branches
1
2 The Legislative
the
Congress is
which means that it has two houses.
3
SECRET MESSAGE
Article I of the...
CLUE #3
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 The bill must get approval in form in both houses.
2 The bill is then placed in a box called a given a bill number, and formally recorded.
3 Congress can override the veto with a vote.
SECRET MESSAGE
The number of bills that reach the status of becoming law is...
2-1 3-5 1-9 1-7 1-5
1-5 1-3 3-6
1-3 3-6 1-5
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 Treaties require a three-fourths vote by the House of Representatives.
2 All tax bills have to start in the House of Representatives.
3 To levy means to accuse of misconduct while in office.
SECRET MESSAGE
Andrew Johnson was the first president to be imp
33 444 4 44 8 33 33 6
7777 444 99 8 999
33 444 4 44 8

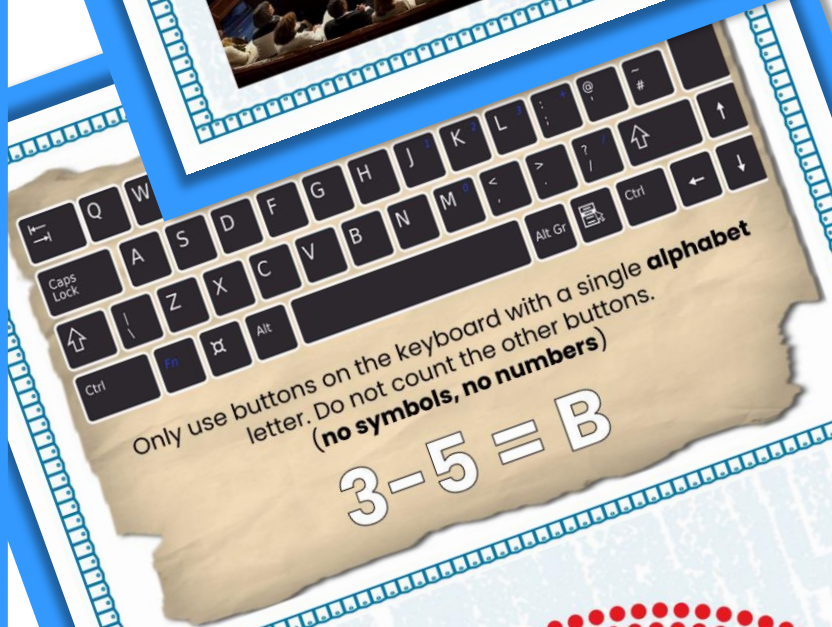
4 DECODERS


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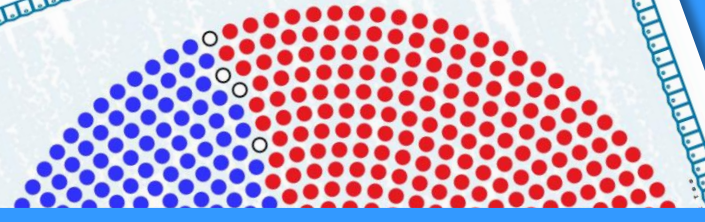



V=23
I=19
H=15
G=26


100

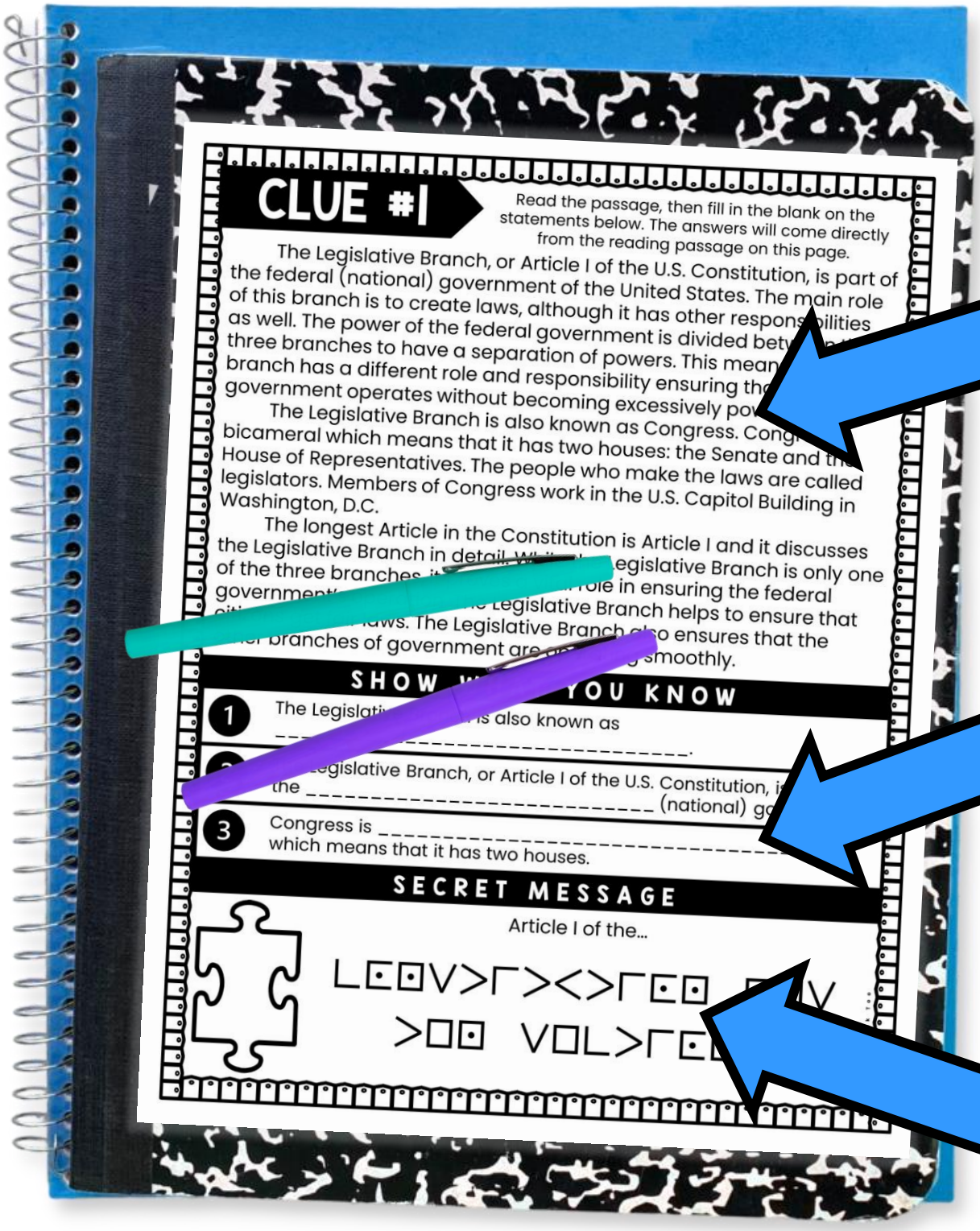

Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single alphabet letter. Do not count the other buttons.
(no symbols, no numbers)
3-5 = B


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





READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

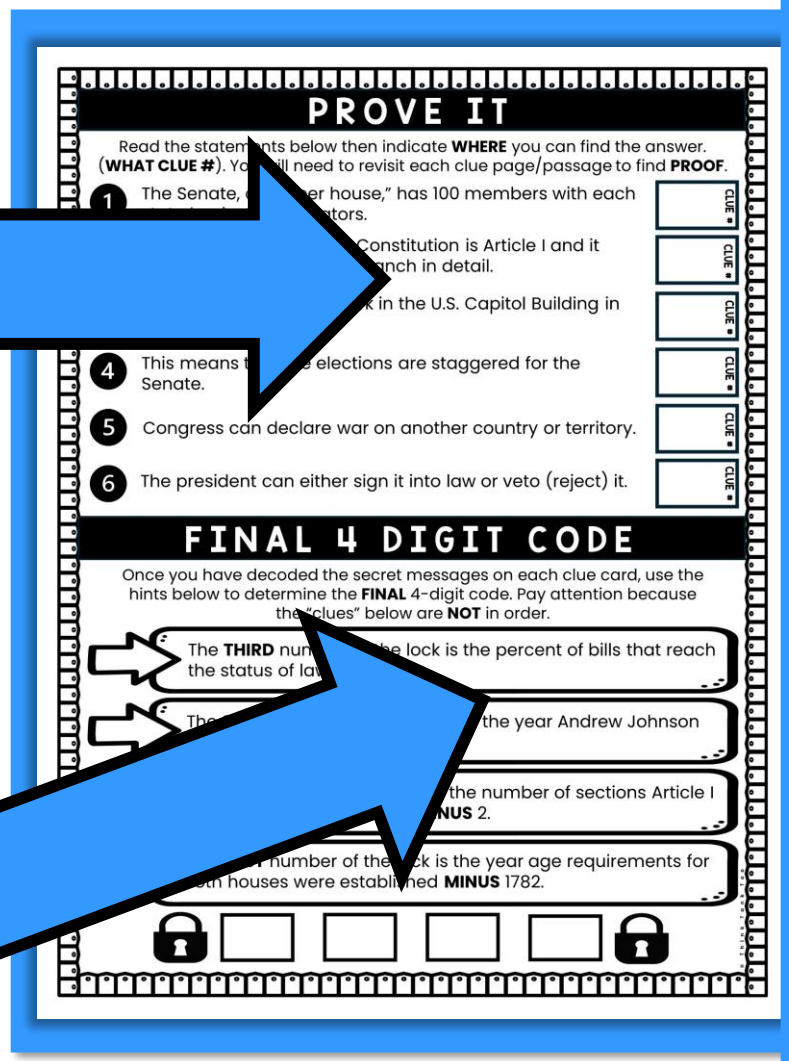
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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!



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

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