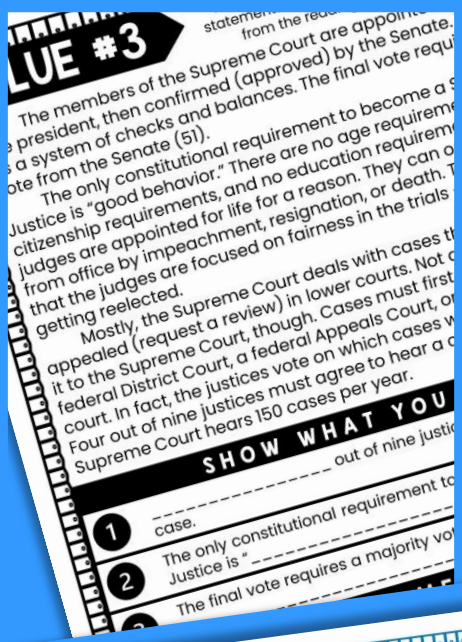
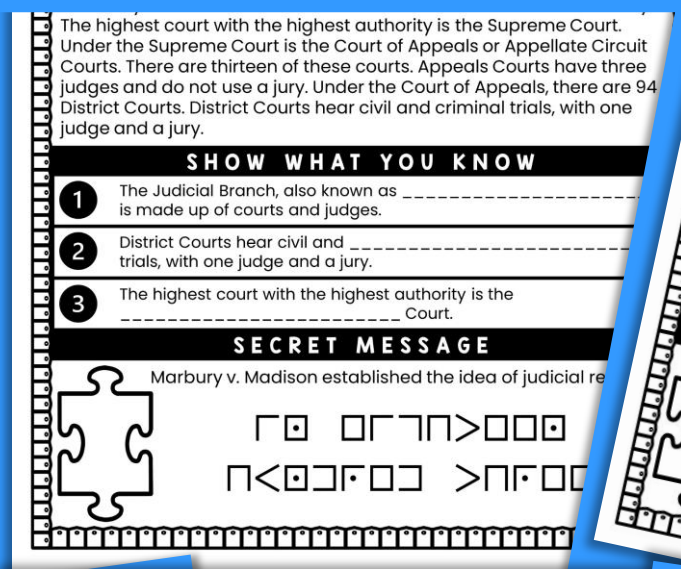
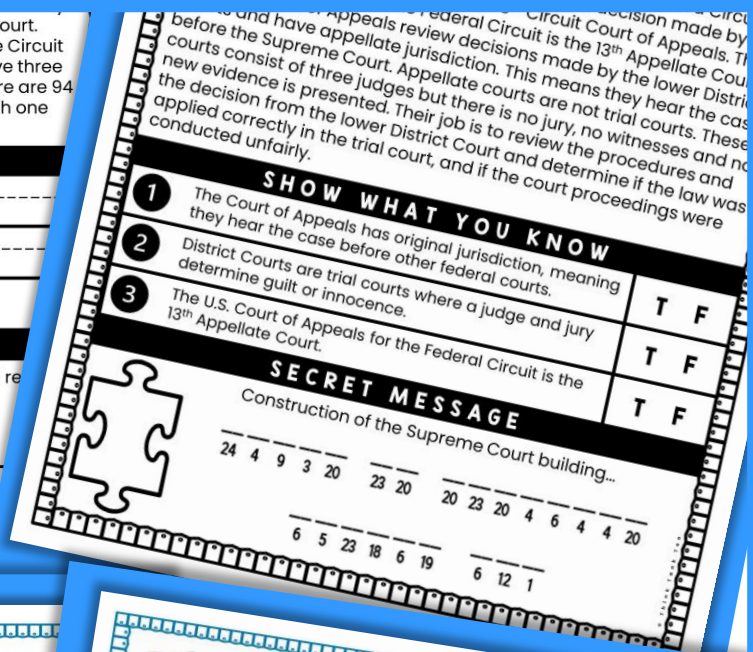
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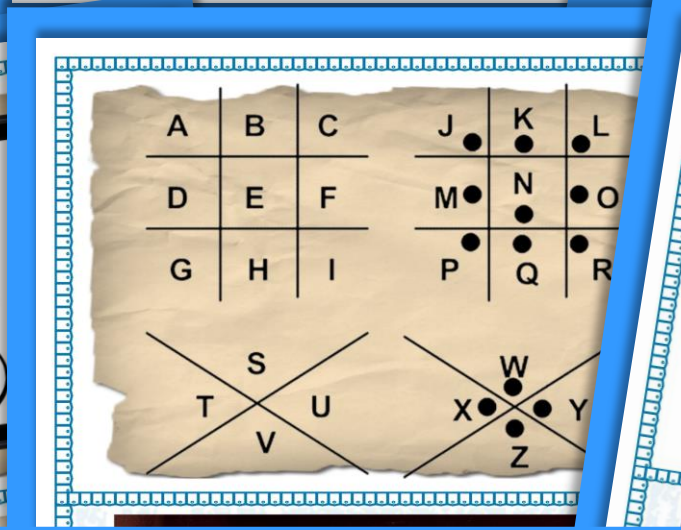
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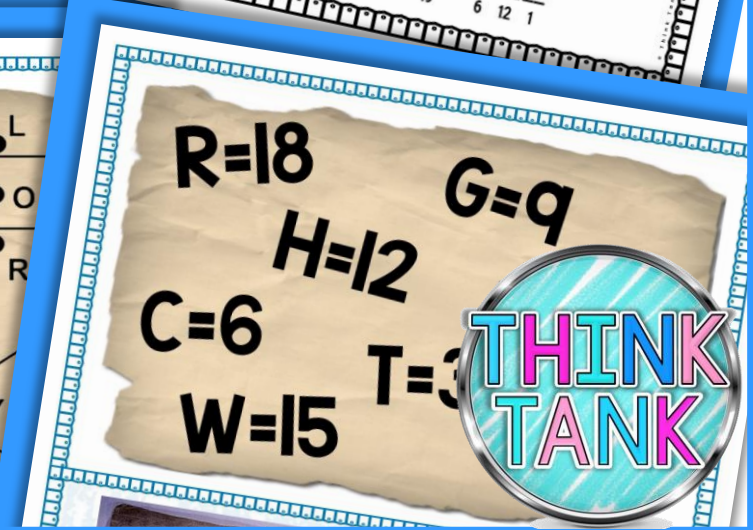








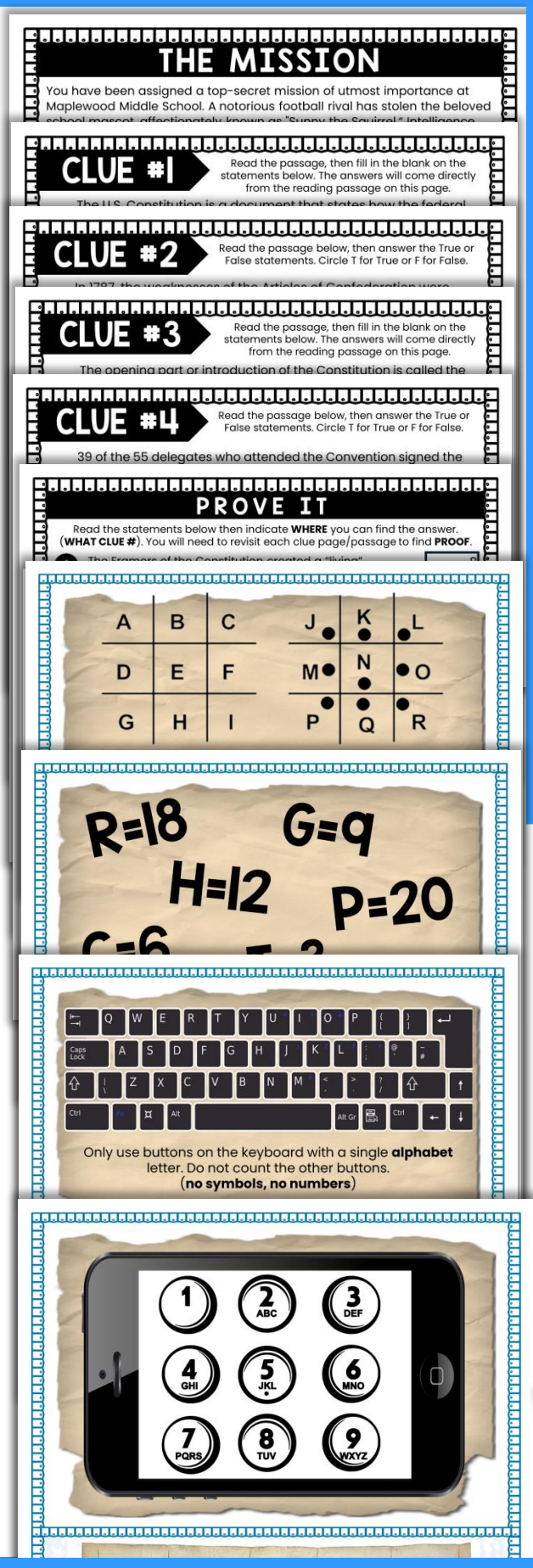


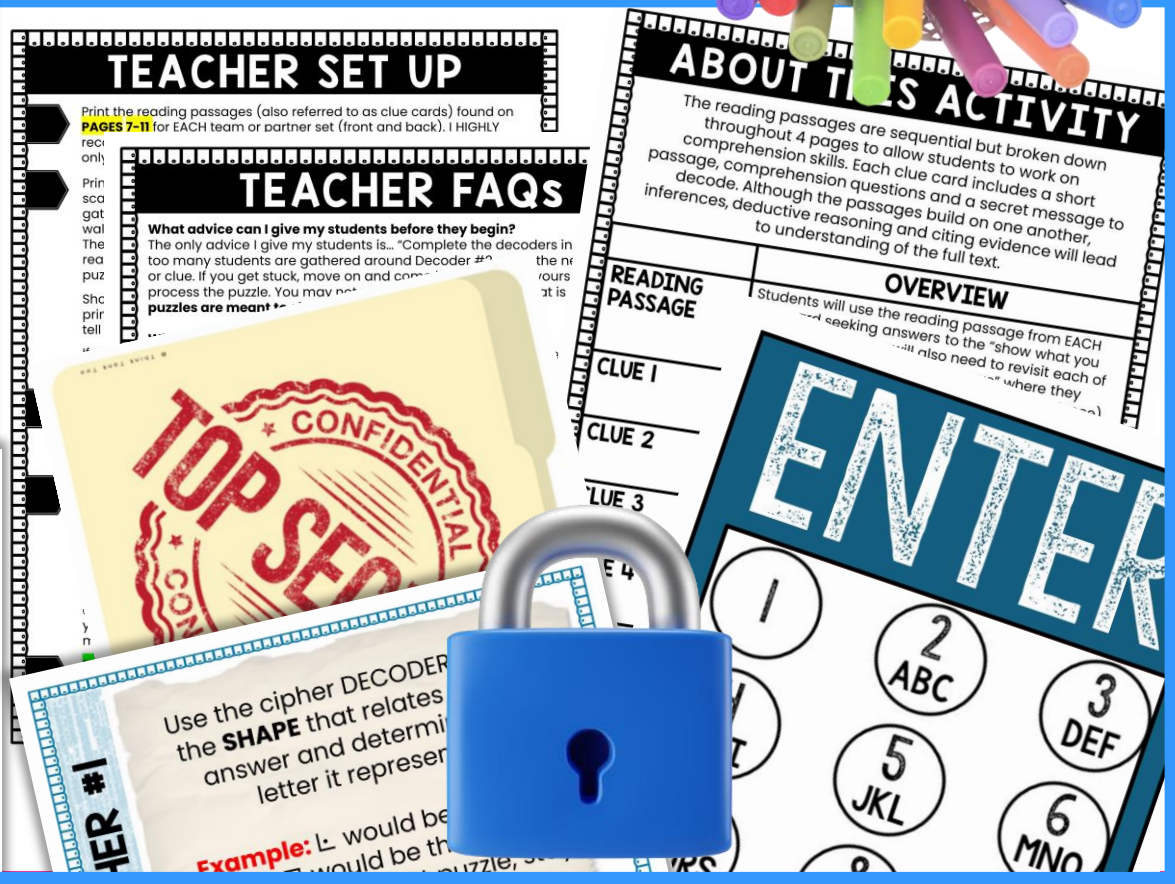


WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 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







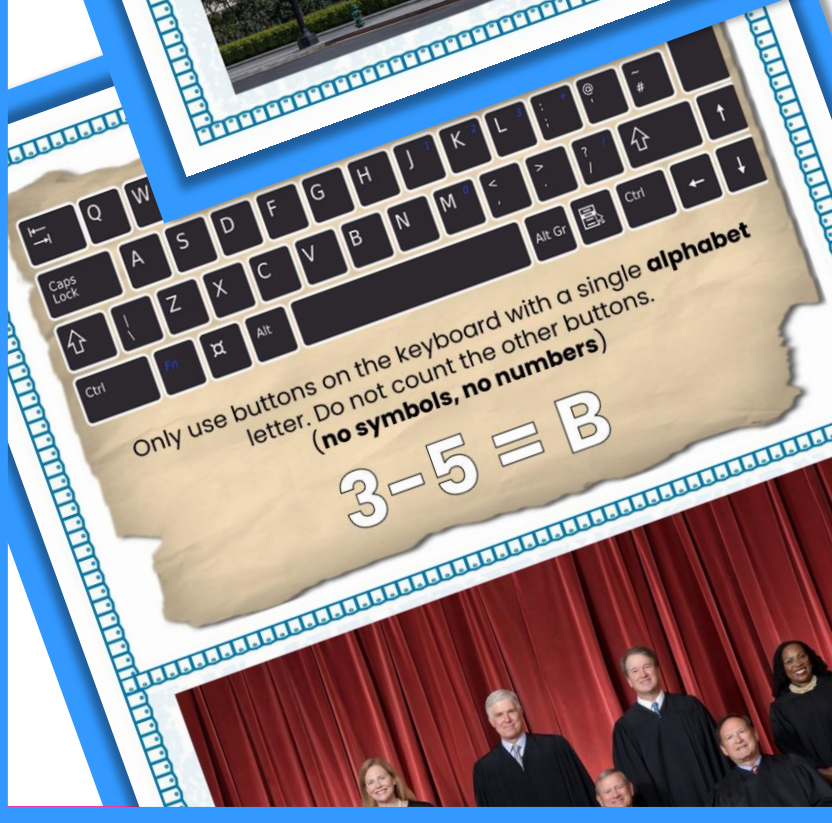
4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True
Every state has at least one District Court. District Courts are trial
courts where a judge and jury determine guilt or innocence. These
courts have original jurisdiction over most federal cases, meaning
they hear the case first, before other federal courts. The 94 District
Courts are spread out across the country and further organiz
larger areas, called "circuit
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a person living in that
District Court, they wo
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l courts.
judge and jury
1
District Courts are trial
determine guilt or innocence.
2
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is the
13th Appellate Court.
3
SECRET MESSAGE
Construction of the Supreme Court building
24 4 9 3 20 23 20 20 23 20 4 6 4
6 5 23 18 6 19 6 12 1
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
many jobs, but the most important job is to interpret the laws from
Congress. This branch does not make any laws. It is responsible for
interpreting what the laws mean and how they legally impact the
citizens of the United States. This branch must make sure that the law
is not breaking any rules or violating rights listed in the Constitution.
The court system is a critical part of
the Judicial Branch from becom
citizens have basic rights insid
The Judicial Branch, als
and judges. The court syste
hierarchy. Each court h
The highest court with
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SECRET MESSAGE
Marbury v. Madison established the idea of judicial review
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
case.
out of nine justices must agree to hear a
The only constitutional requirement to become a Supreme Court
Justice is "
The final vote requires a majority vote from the
(51).
SECRET MESSAGE
Gideon v. Wainwright was about the right to a...
1-9 1-4
2-9 2-1 1-2 1-6 1-3 1-4
1-8 3-2 1-5 2-6
3-7 1-3 3-6 1-5
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
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There is one Chief Justice and eleven Associate
Justices.
A decision made at the Supreme Court can be
reviewed by lower District Courts.
The only court listed in the U.S. Constitution is the
Supreme Court.
SECRET MESSAGE
Sandra Day O'Connor, 1st female justice, serve
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333 666 88 777
999 33 2 777 7777

4 DECODERS

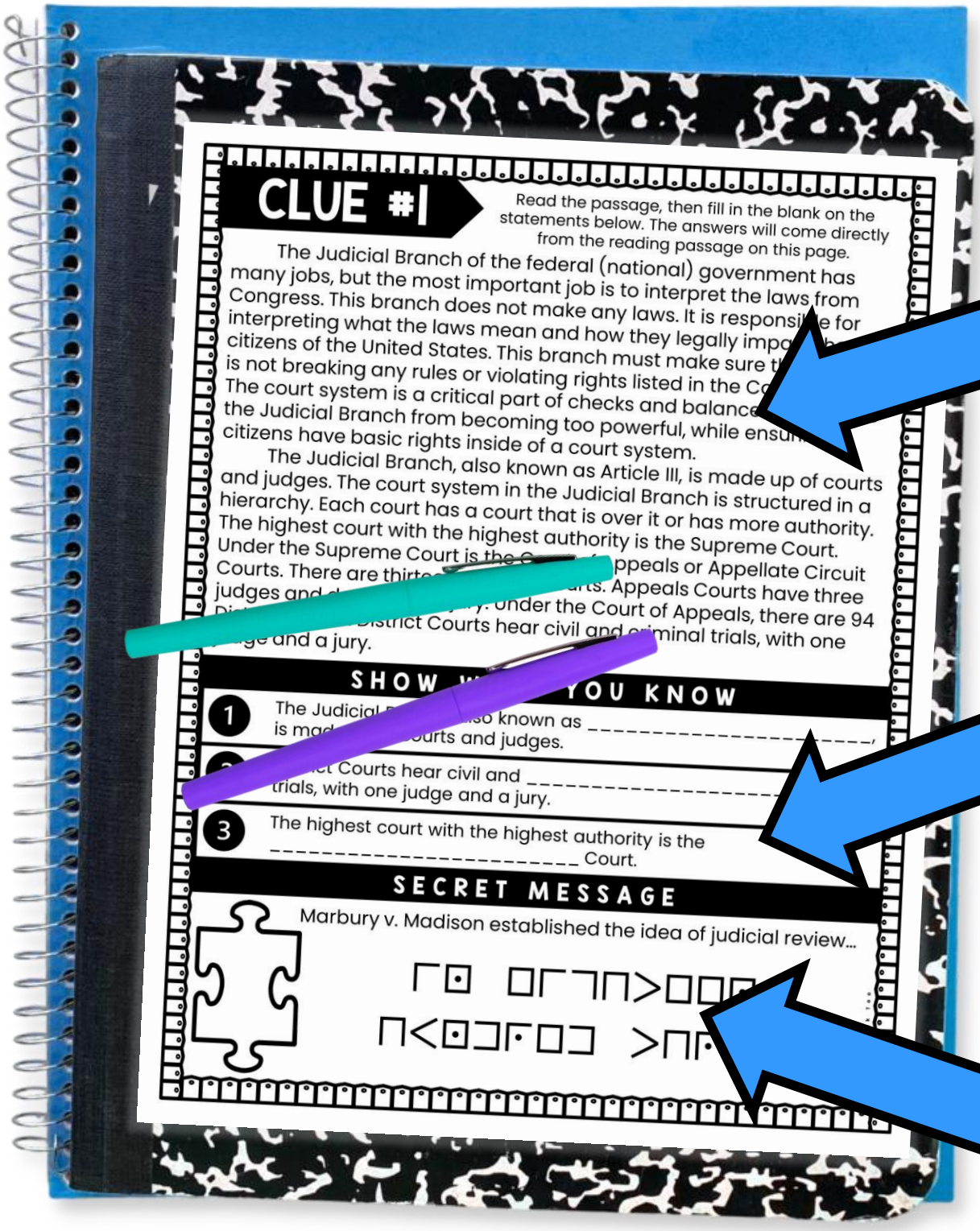

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A=3
G=9
H=5
W=12
Geographic Boundaries
of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts


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
We the People

READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

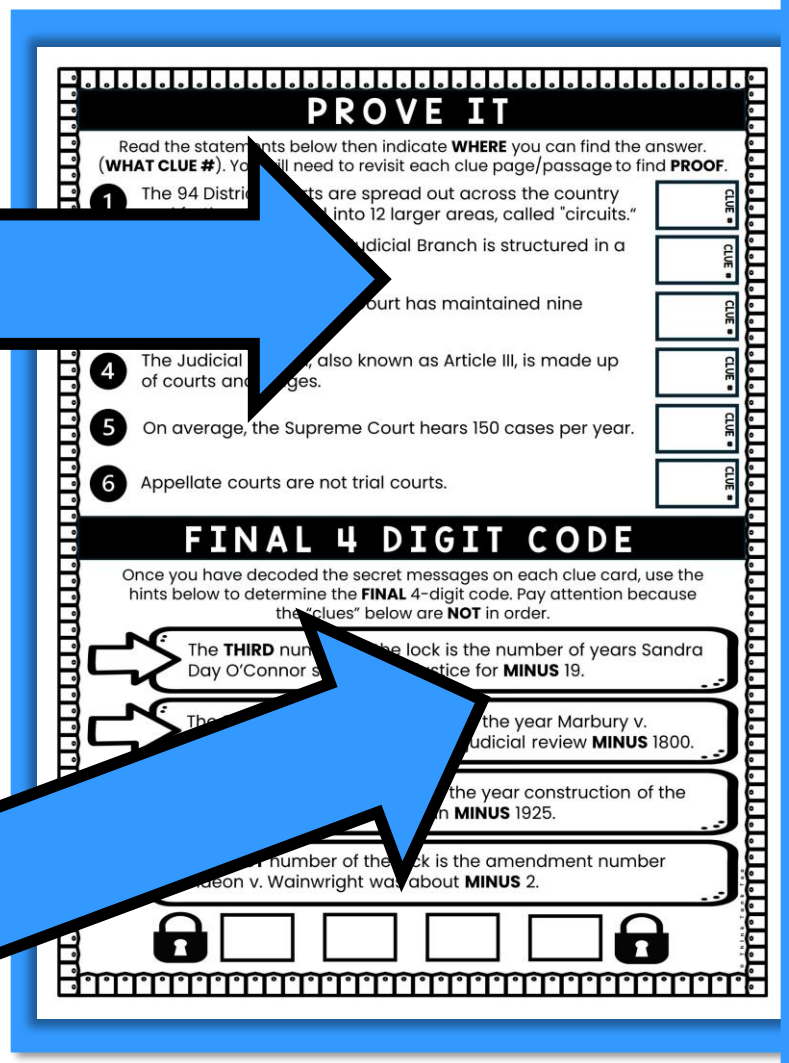
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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!



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UNIT REVIEW

EARLY FINISHERS

STATIONS

REWARD ACTIVITY

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COLLABORATION

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