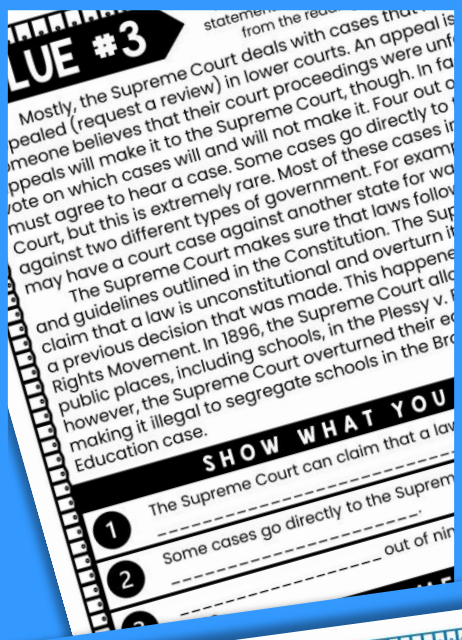
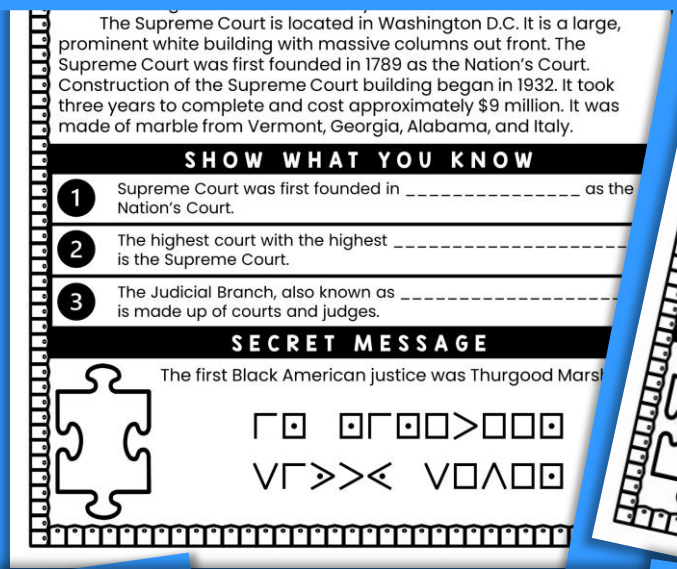
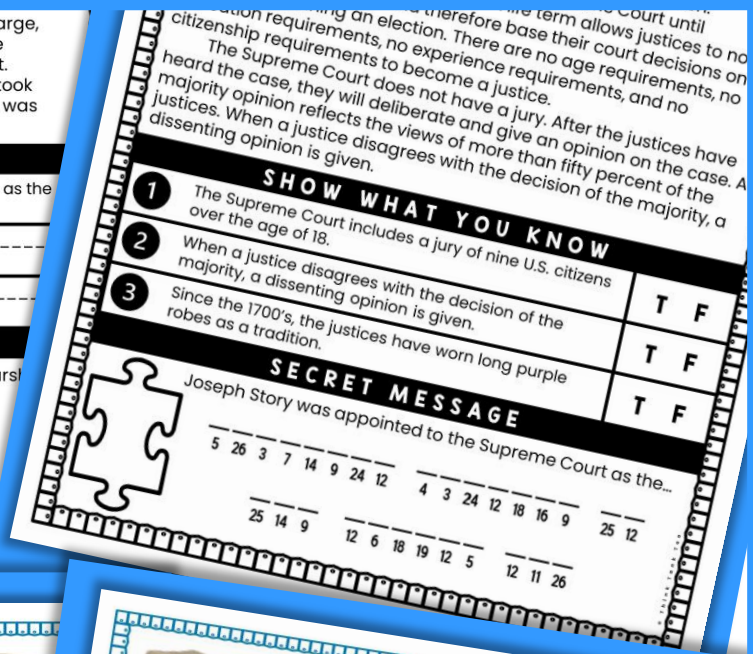
SUPREME COURT

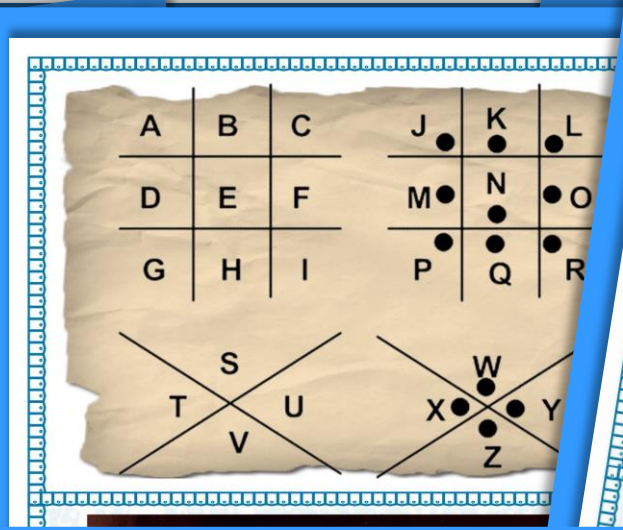
ESCAPE ROOM

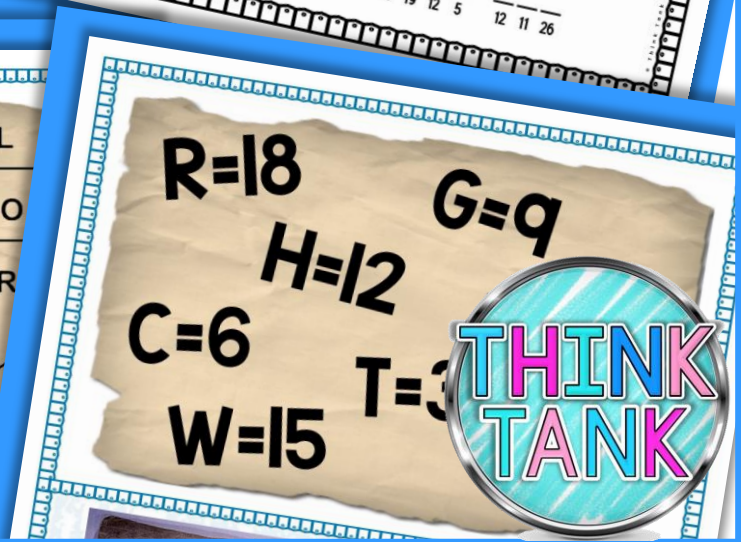








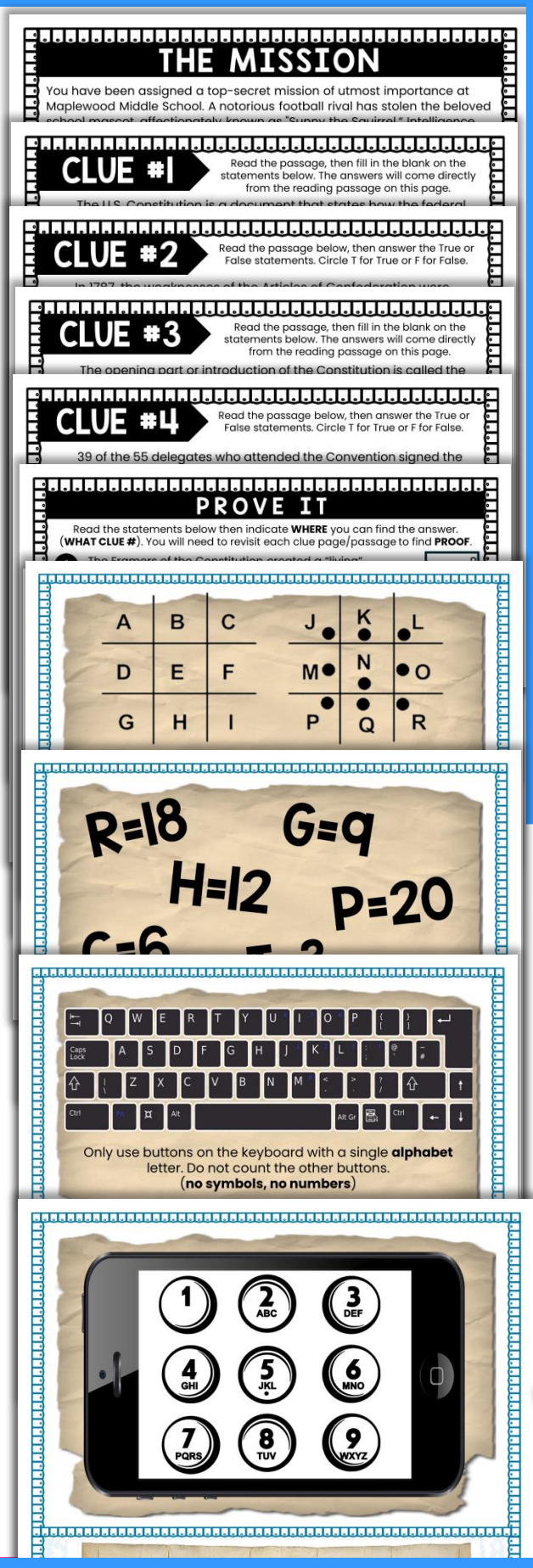


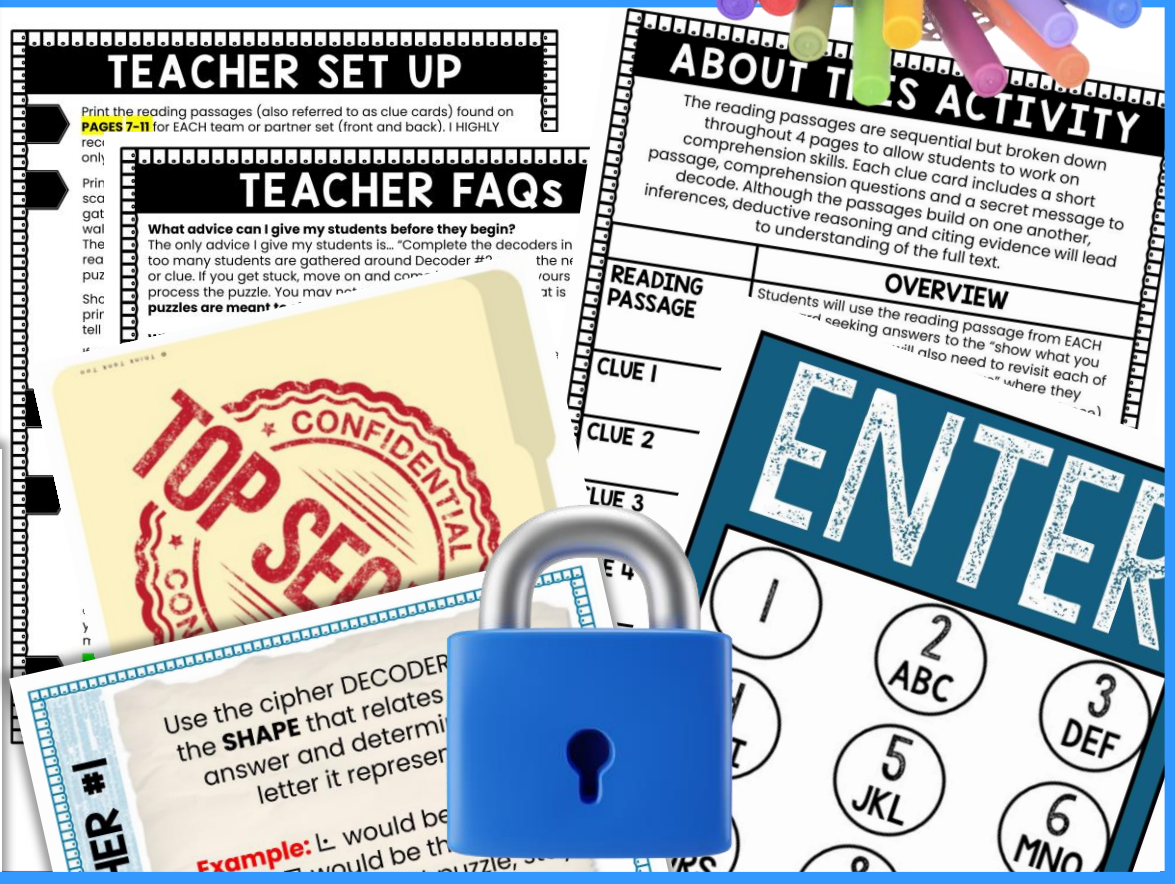


WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 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







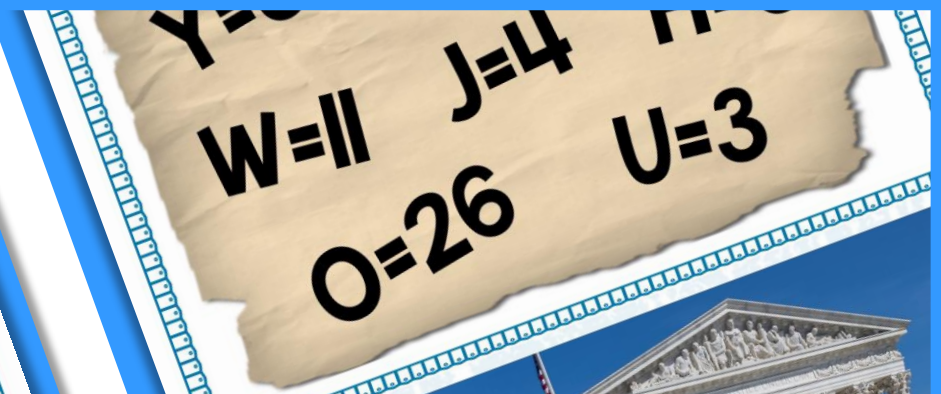
4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True
Judges of the Supreme Court are called justices. There are
usually nine justices but there have been as few as six. The head of the
justices is called the Chief Justice. The remaining eight justices are
called Associate Justices. Since the 1800's, the justices have worn long
black robes as a tradition. These
the president. However, the
majority vote (51). This p
Justices can serve
retirement, impeachm
worry about 'pop
the law, not win
education req
citizenship re
The Sup
heard the c
majority op
justices. W
dissentin
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 The Supre
over the age of
2 When a justice disagrees w
majority, a dissenting opinion is given.
3 Since the 1700's, the justices have worn long purple
robes as a tradition.
SECRET MESSAGE
Joseph Story was appointed to the Supreme Court
5 26 3 7 14 9 24 12
4 3 24 12 18 16 9
25 14 9
12 6 18 19 12 5
12 11 26
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
The Judicial Branch, also known as Article III, is made up of cou
and judges. The court system in the Judicial Branch is structured in a
hierarchy. Each court has a court that is over it or has more authority.
The highest court with the highest authority is the Supreme Court.
The main job of the Judicial Branch is to interpret the laws. This
branch does not make any laws. It is responsible for interpreting what
the laws mean and how they legally
States. The Judicial Branch must
breaking any rules or violating
court system is a critical par
Judicial Branch from becom
have basic rights insid
The Supreme Co
prominent white buil
Supreme Court was
Construction of the
three years to com
made of marble
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 Supre
Nation's
2 The highest cour
is the Supreme Court.
3 The Judicial Branch, also known as
is made up of courts and judges.
SECRET MESSAGE
The first Black American justice was Thurgood Marshall...
CLUE #3
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 The Supreme Court can claim that a law is unconstitutional and
_____ it.
2 Some cases go directly to the Supreme Court, but this is extremely
_____ out of nine justices must agree to hear a
3 _____ case.
SECRET MESSAGE
The number of Supreme Court justices formerly featured on...
3-3 1-7 1-4 1-4 1-3 3-6 3-3 1-6
2-7 1-7 2-2 1-5
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 New Jersey v. T.L.O. was about the right to counsel or a
lawyer (6th Amendment).
2 In 1787, Marbury v. Madison established Judicial
Review and separation of powers.
3 The Supreme Court hears about 3,000 cases per
year.
SECRET MESSAGE
President Roosevelt asked Congress to increase th
666 333
5 88 7777 8 444 222 33
333 444 333 8

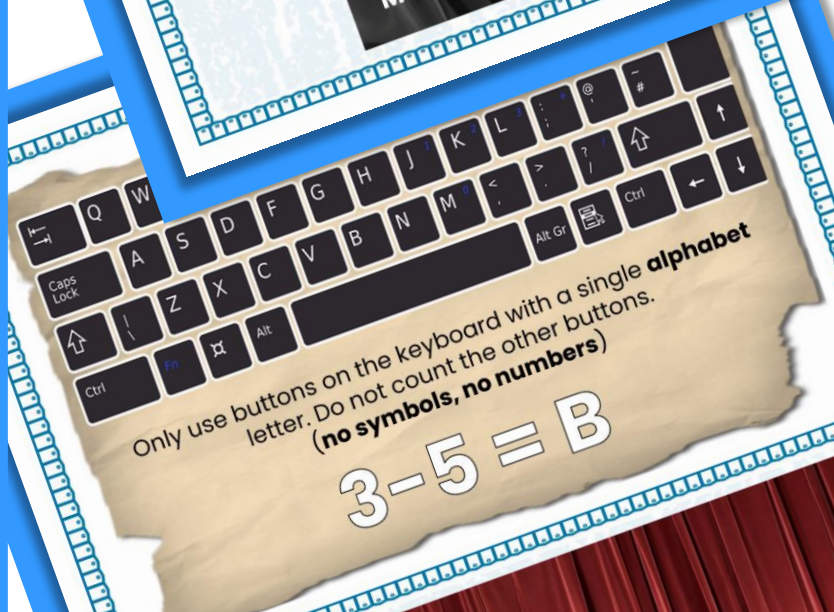
4 DECODERS


D
E
G
H
I
P
W
X
Y
Z
S
T
U
V


Thurgood Marshall

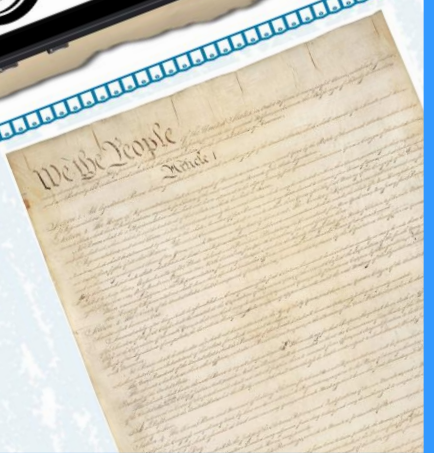

W=11
J=4
O=26
U=3



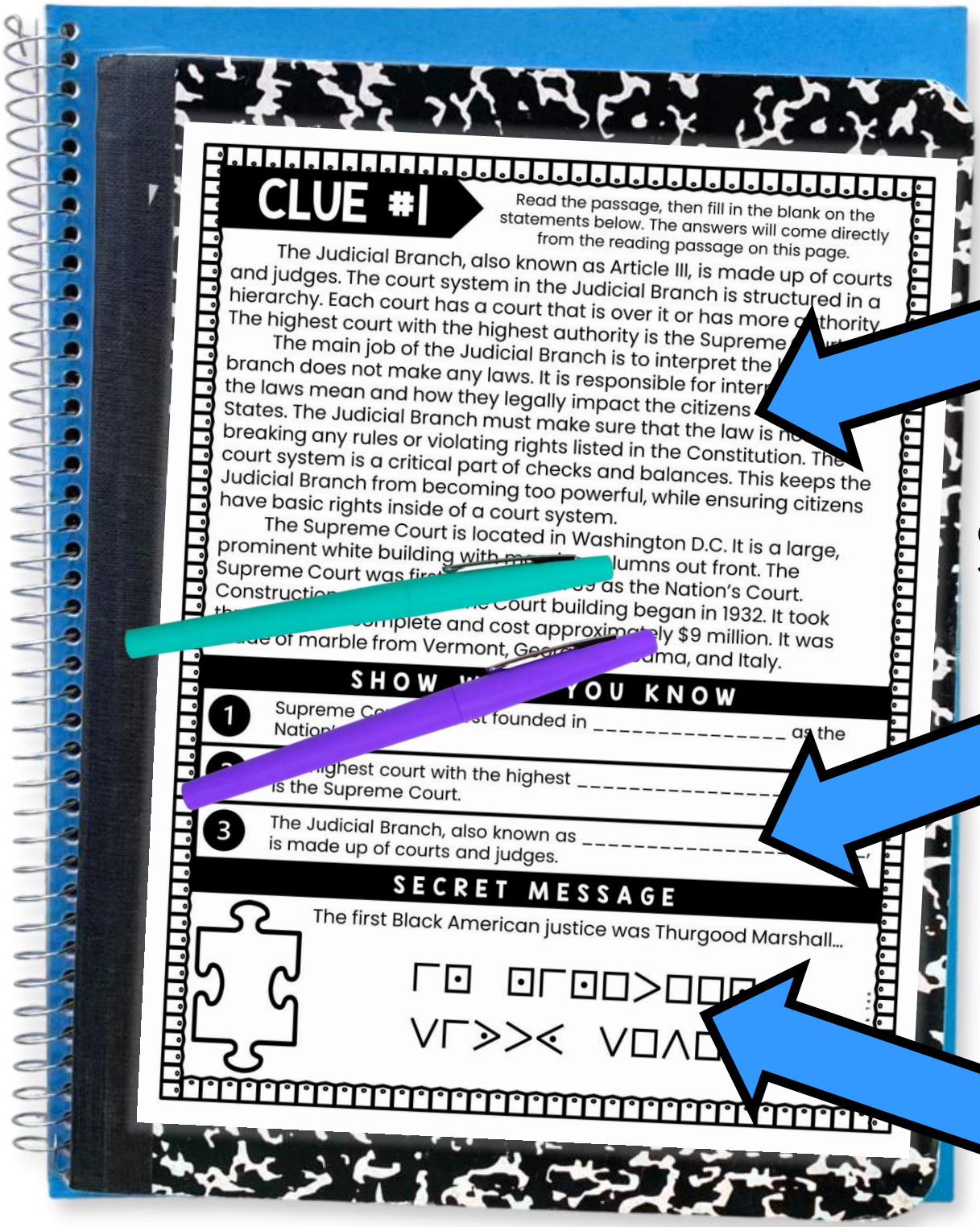

Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single alphabet letter. Do not count the other buttons.
(no symbols, no numbers)
3-5 = B


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




We the People

READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

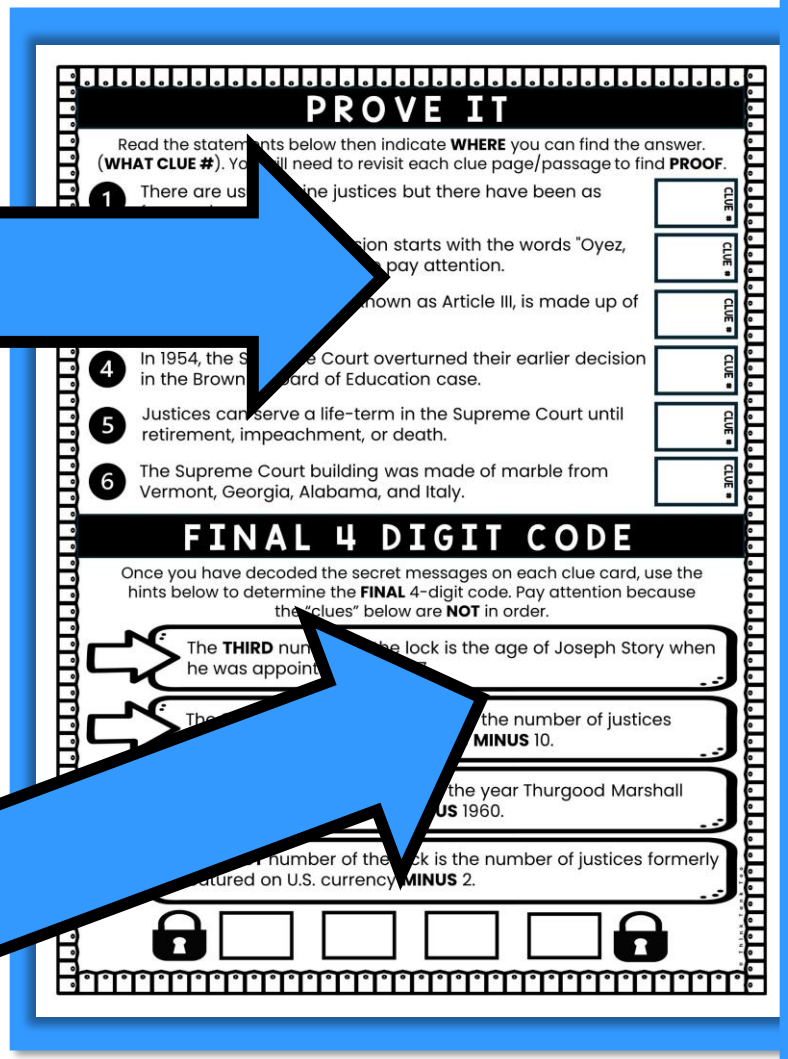
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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.

© Think Tank Too

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

