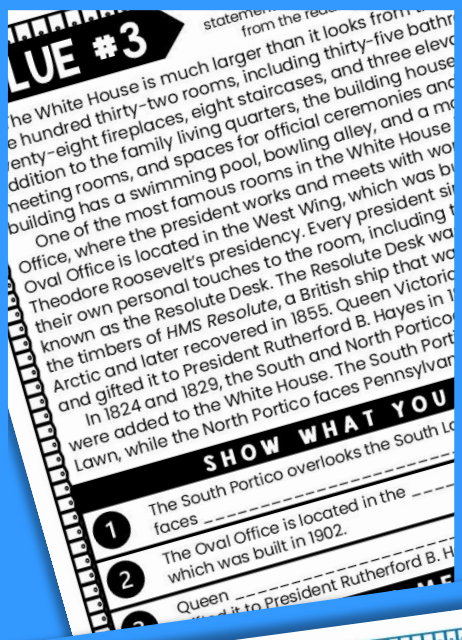
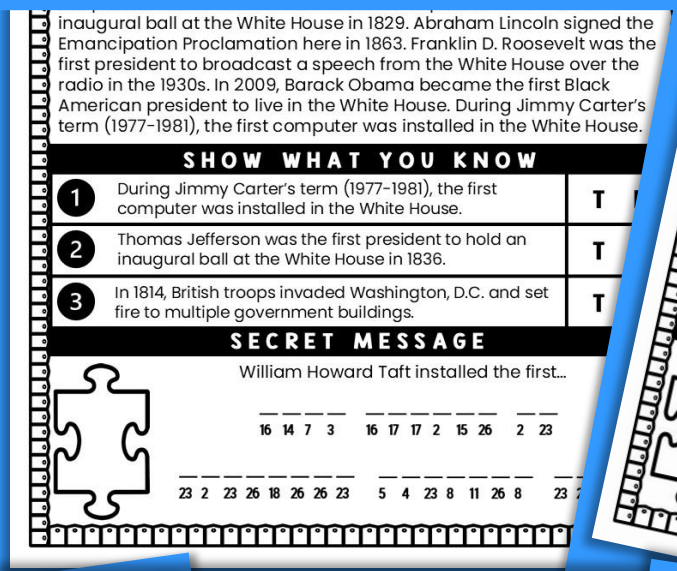
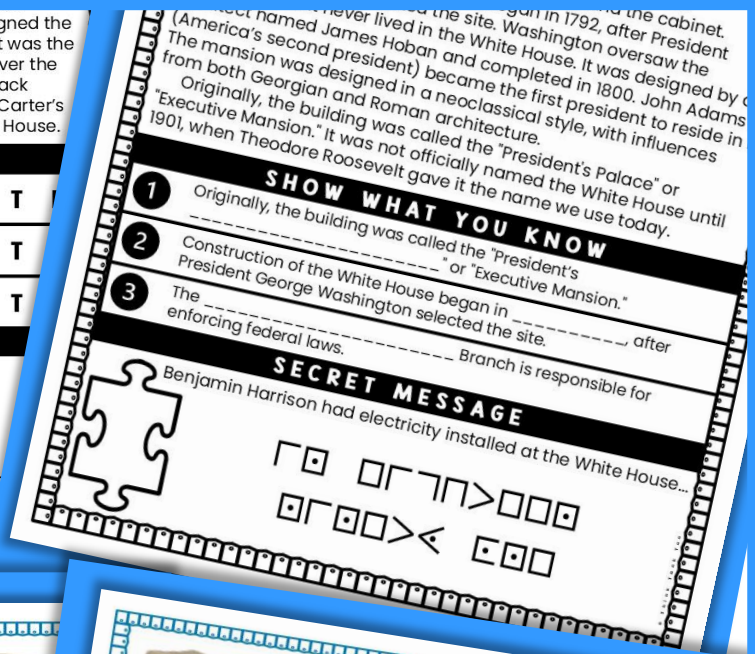
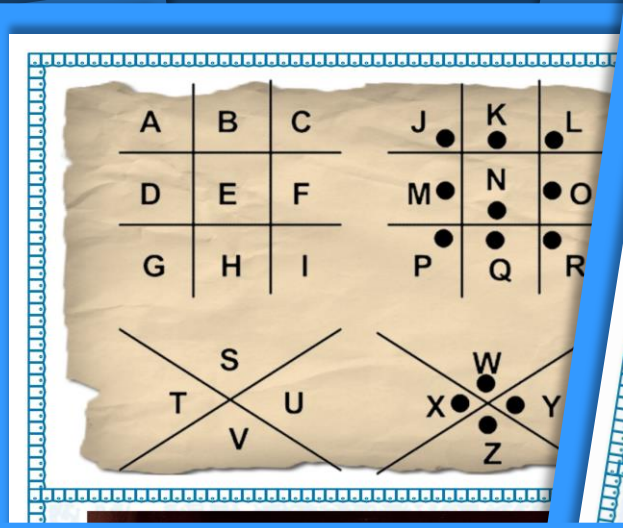
WHITE HOUSE ESCAPE ROOM

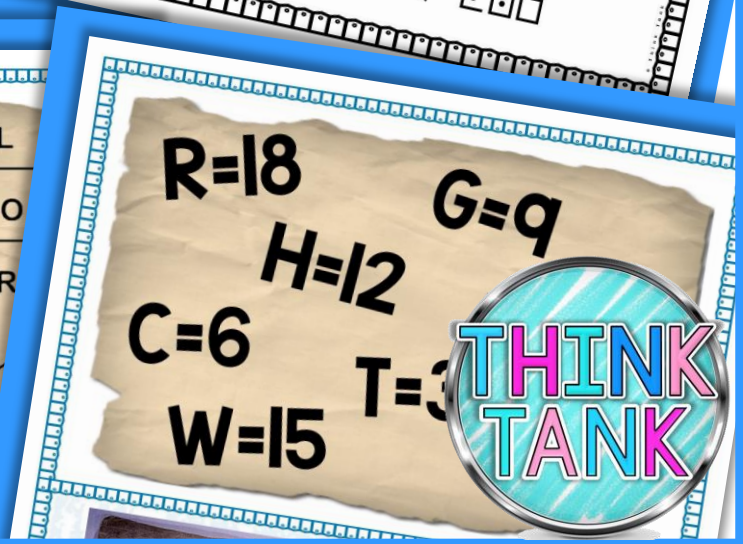








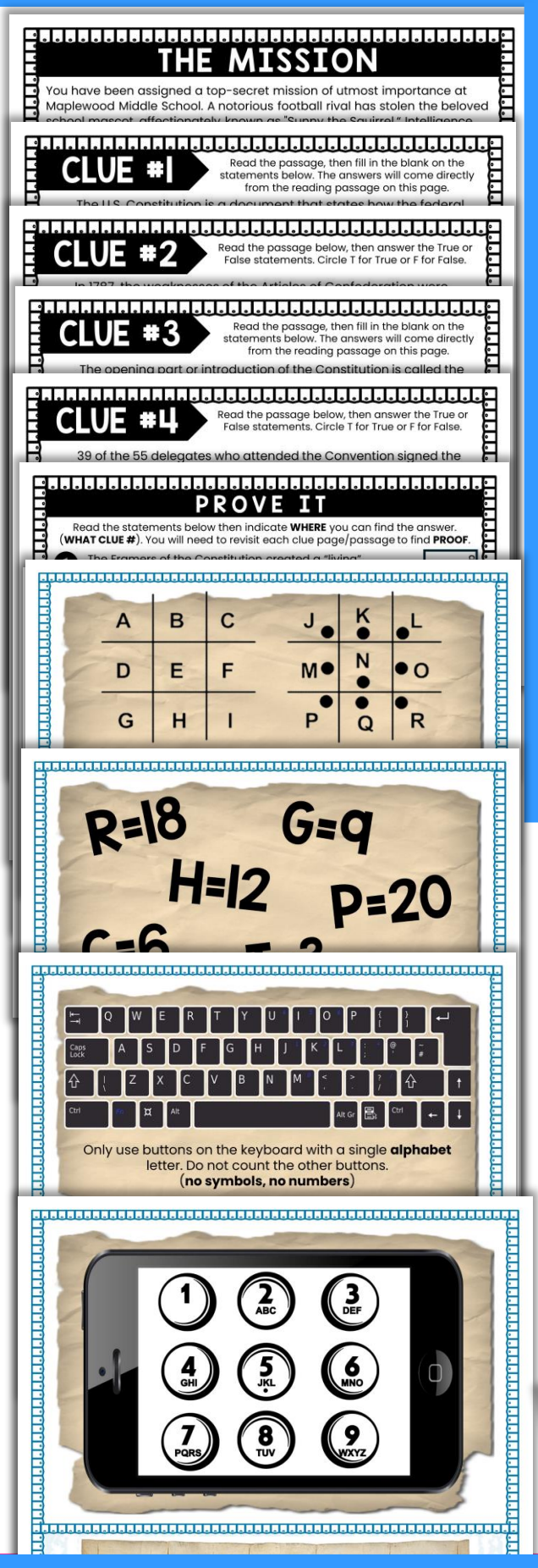


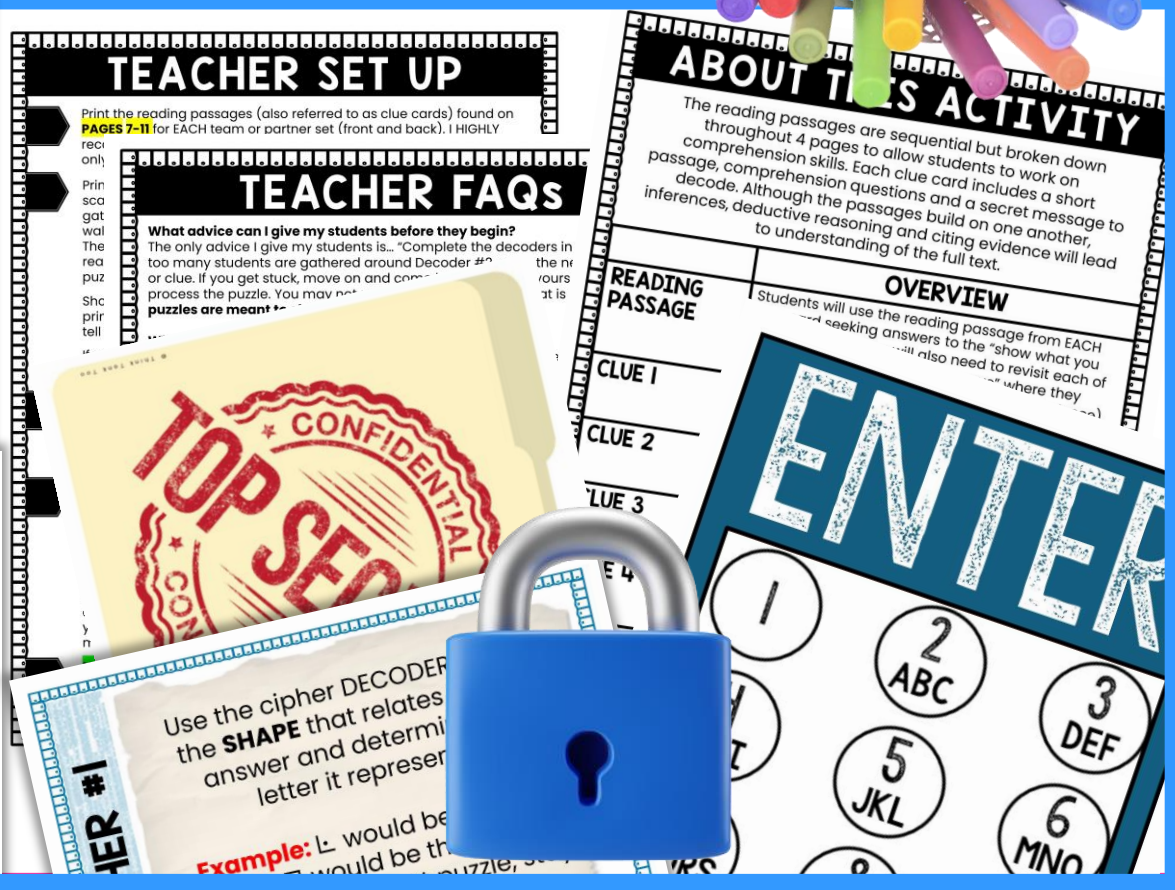


WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 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







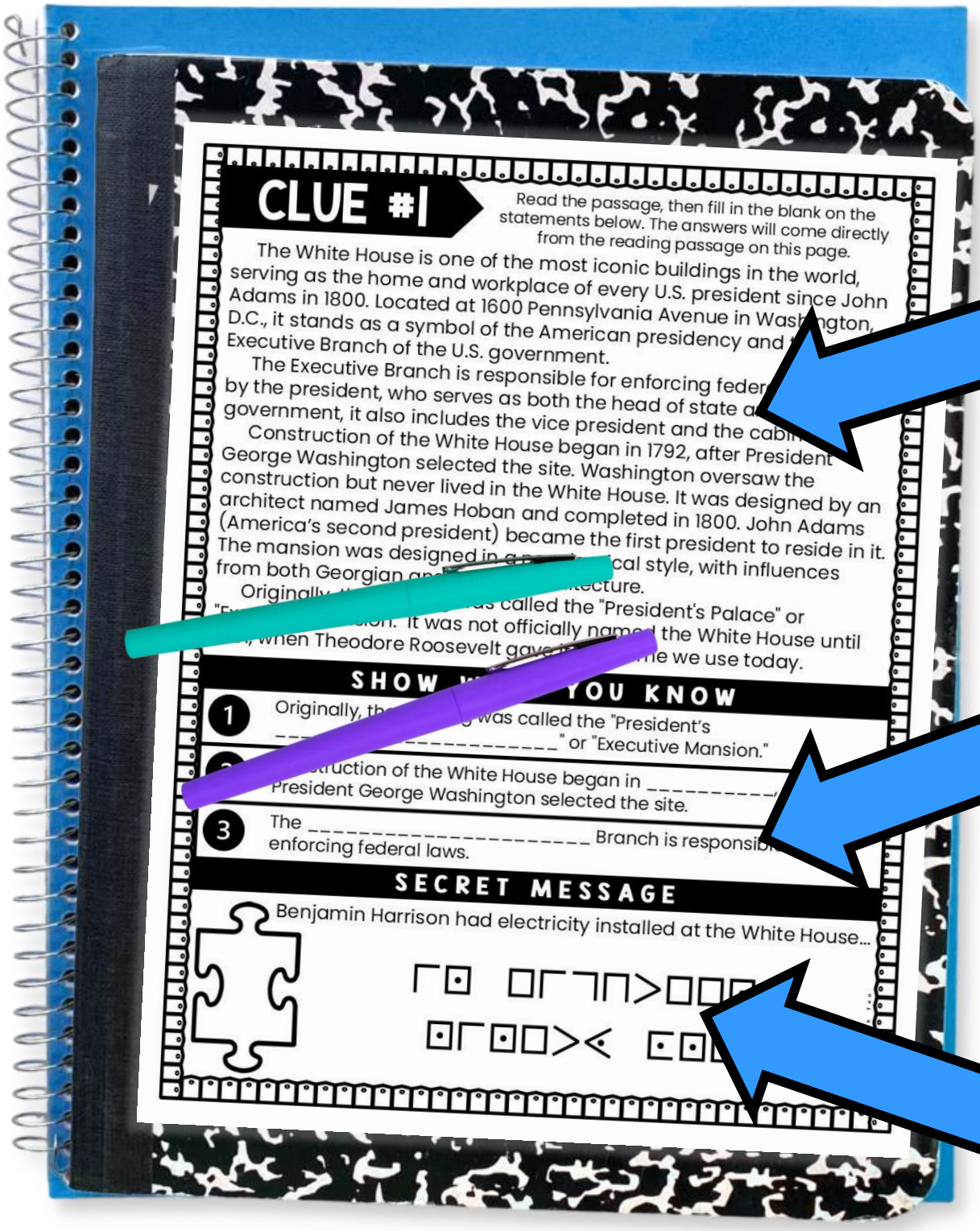
4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then
False statements. Circle T for True or
One of the most dramatic moments in the White House's history
occurred during the War of 1812. In 1814, British troops invaded
Washington, D.C. and set fire to multiple government buildings,
including the White House. First Lady Dolley Madison, wife of President
James Madison, famously saved a portrait of George Washin
before fleeing. The mansio
exterior walls remained
After the war, James
White House, and it w
James Monroe t
Over the yea
U.S. presidents
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1 During Jim
computer was
2 Thomas Jefferson was the
inaugural ball at the White House in 1836.
3 In 1814, British troops invaded Washington, D.C. and set
fire to multiple government buildings.
SECRET MESSAGE
William Howard Taft installed the first...
16 14 7 3 16 17 17 2 15 26 2 23
23 2 23 26 18 26 26 23 5 4 23 8 11 26 8
CLUE #1
Read the passage, then
statements below. The answers
from the reading passage on this
The White House is one of the most iconic buildings in the world,
serving as the home and workplace of every U.S. president since John
Adams in 1800. Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington,
D.C., it stands as a symbol of the American presidency and the
Executive Branch of the U.S. government.
The Executive Branch is responsible for enforcing federal laws. Led
by the president, who serves as both the head of state and
government, it also includes the
Construction of the White H
George Washington selecte
construction but never live
architect named Jam
(America's second pr
The mansion was de
from both Georgian
Originally, the b
"Executive Mansio
1901, when Theod
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President George Washi
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enforcing federal laws.
SECRET MESSAGE
Benjamin Harrison had electricity installed at the White Hous
UE #3
White House is m
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ty-eight fireplaces,
ition to the family liv
eting rooms, and spa
ilding has a swimmin
One of the most famo
Office, where the preside
Oval Office is located in
Theodore Roosevelt's pr
their own personal touch
known as the Resolute D
the timbers of HMS Reso
Arctic and later recovere
and gifted it to President
In 1824 and 1829, the S
were added to the White
Lawn, while the North Po
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 The South Portico overlooks the South Lawn, while the North Portico
faces _____ Avenue.
2 The Oval Office is located in the _____ Wing
which was built in 1902.
3 Queen _____ had the desk made and
gifted it to President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880.
SECRET MESSAGE
The bowling alley in the White House was installed in...
3-6 1-8 3-6 1-3 1-5 1-3 1-3 3-6
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1 The West Wing contains the offices of the First Lady
and is often used for hosting tours and events.
2 The South Lawn is where the president often arrives by
helicopter (Marine One).
3 The Executive Residence is where the president and
their family live.
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SECRET MESSAGE
Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as president on Air
444 66 66 444 66 33 8 33
7777 444 99 8 999
8 44 777 33 33

4 DECODERS


D E P
G H I
W Y
X Z
S U
T V
C=15 H=5
F=17 I=2 T=18
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
The White House West Wing - First Floor
Press Staff Offices
Press Briefing Room
Lobby Entrance
Misc. Offices
Press Sec'y
Cabinet Room
Lobby
Roosevelt

READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

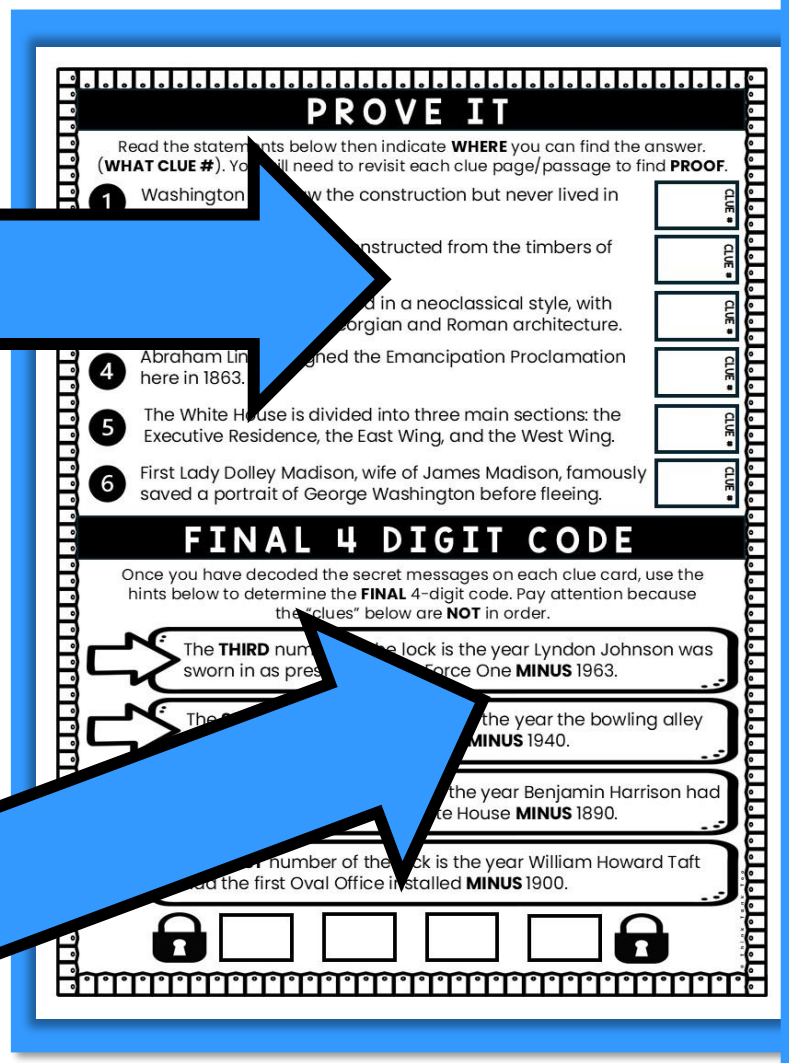
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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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