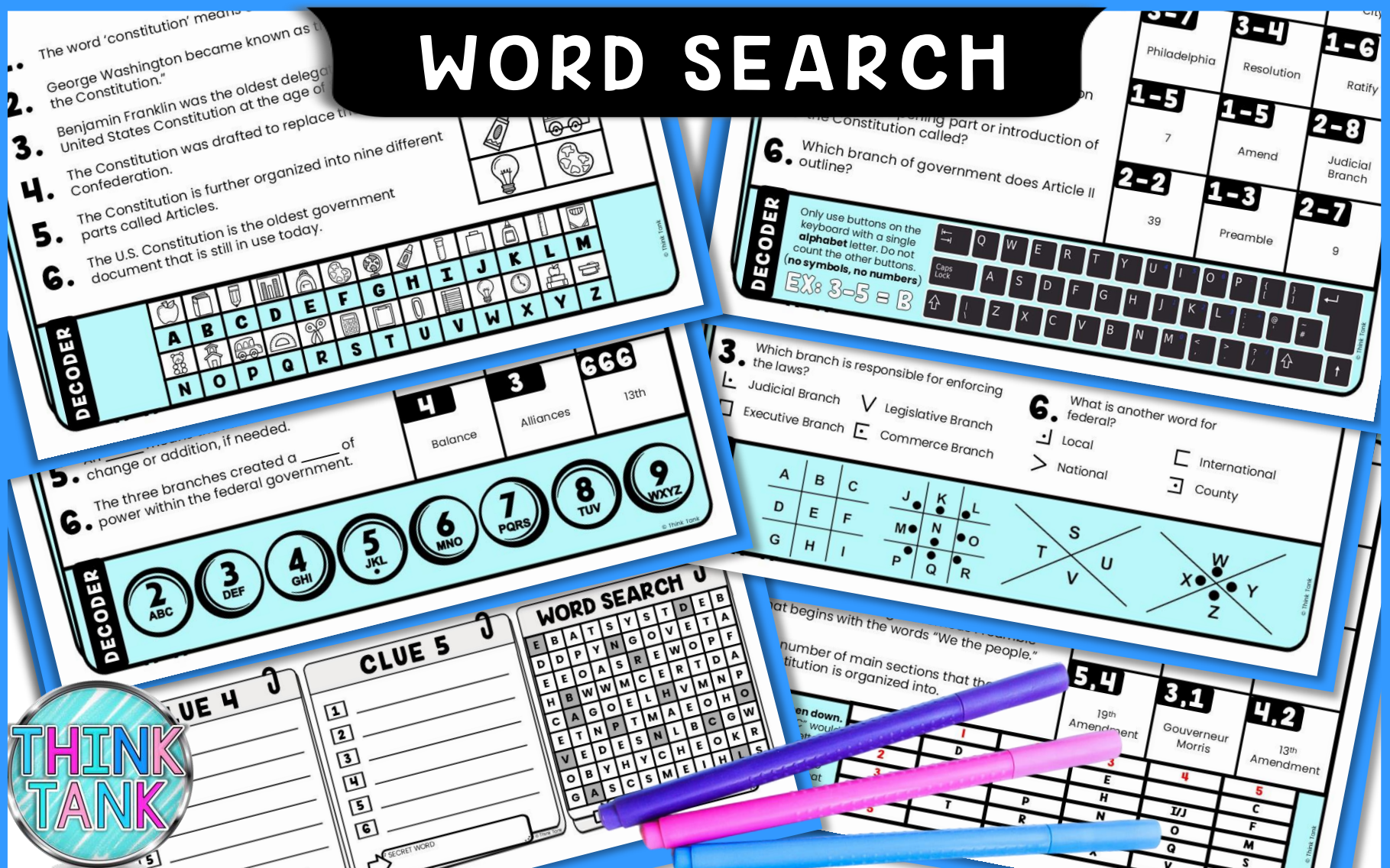


UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

ESCAPE ROOM

WORD SEARCH



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ 1 READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 5 PUZZLE DECODERS
- ✓ 30 COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS
- ✓ MINI WORD SEARCH
- ✓ TEACHER SET UP
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ HINT CARDS
- ✓ FAQs
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ PROP SIGNS



MISSION DIRECTIONS

Max's Bluetooth-powered shoes had built-in speakers in the soles, so you could walk around listening to music without headphones. But it didn't stop there. The shoes were equipped with a voice assistant that would guide you through your day. Lost in a new city? No problem—just ask your shoes for directions.

You have _____ minutes to read the passage, answer the questions, decode the letters for EACH clue and unscramble the mystery words.

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

The U.S. Constitution is a document that states how the federal government should operate. It outlines what the federal government can do, as well as what the federal (national) government cannot do. The Constitution outlines the three branches of government. Then, it discusses the purpose of each branch in detail. The Constitution also includes basic rights for all Americans.

The Constitution is organized into 3 main sections: the preamble, articles, and amendments.

CLUE 1

Read each statement below and determine if it is True or False. Then, use the decoder to reveal and unscramble the mystery word.

1. The word 'constitution' means of change or addition.

2. George Washington became known as the "Father of the Constitution."

TRUE	FALSE

CLUE 2

Answer each question below by finding the correct answer in the word bank on the right. Use the "numbers" above the correct answer to unscramble the mystery word.

1. How many of the 55 Convention delegates signed the new document?

2. How many principles does the Constitution consist of?

2-2	1-4	1-9
Executive Branch	55	New York City
3-7	3-4	1-6

CLUE 3

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, use the "shapes" to find the corresponding letter to unscramble your mystery word.

1. Which branch of the U.S. government is also known as Congress?

2. Which of the following is NOT an article of the Constitution?

☒ Judicial Branch ☐ Legislative Branch ☐ Amendments ☒ Executive Powers

CLUE 4

Match each statement to the corresponding answer in the word bank on the right. Then, unscramble your mystery word.

1. This amendment gave women the right to vote.

2. This branch, also known as Article III, interprets the laws.

2,3	3,4	5,1
Magna Carta	5	James Madison
3,2	5,1	3,2

CLUE 5

Fill in the blank by finding the EXACT wording in the reading passage using the word bank on the right. Then, use the decoder to reveal and unscramble the mystery word.

1. The U.S. Constitution is the highest _____ in the nation.

2. _____ the _____ Amendment abolished slavery.

888	8	555
Amendment	14	Article
66	7777	33

CLUE #1

First determine if the statement is True or False. Then, use the cryptogram.

CLUE #2

Use the keyboard DECODER to determine which letter each number combination represents. Only use buttons on the keyboard.

CLUE #3

Use the cipher DECODER to find the SHAPE that relates to your answer and determine the mystery word.

CLUE 1

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

SECRET WORD

CLUE 2

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

SECRET WORD

CLUE 3

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

SECRET WORD

CLUE 4

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

SECRET WORD

CLUE 5

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

SECRET WORD

WORD SEARCH

E	B	A	T	S	Y	S	T	E	R
D	D	P	Y	N	G	O	V	E	T
E	E	O	A	S	R	E	W	O	P
H	B	W	W	M	C	E	R	T	O
C	A	G	O	E	L	H	V	M	N
E	T	N	P	T	M	A	F	E	O
V	E	D	E	S	N	L	B	C	G
O	B	Y	H	Y	C	H	E	O	K
G	A	S	C	S	M	E	I	H	L

TEACHER FAQ'S

What advice can I give my students before they begin?

Only advice I give my students is... "Complete the puzzles in any order. If too many students are gathered around only advice I give my students is... "Complete the puzzles in any order. If too many students are gathered around only advice I give my students is..."

DIRECTIONS

READING PASSAGE: Print the reading passage found on PAGES 7-8 for EACH student, team or partner set (front and back). I HIGHLY recommend partners or groups of 3 for best engagement. This not only saves paper but also promotes collaboration.

CLUE CARDS: Print the puzzles found on PAGES 9-13 just ONE time. You do NOT have to print these pages for each student.

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

With their reading passage in hand, students will move around the classroom visiting 5 puzzle stations. Each "clue card" includes 5 questions and a puzzle decoder. Each clue card, with questions answered correctly, results in a mystery word that needs unscrambled. Each station has a different set of question types. When

STATION 1

TRUE OR FALSE

crypt+ogr



ENTER

1. _____

2. ABC

3. DEF

5 CLUE CARDS

CLUE 5

Find the **EXACT** wording in the reading by finding the **EXACT** word on the right. Then, use the word bank grid to reveal and unscramble the mystery word.

Constitution is the highest _____ in _____.

_____ Amendment abolished slavery.

_____ the Constitution, each of the states created like individual _____.

The first _____ amendments came in the late 1700's, known as the Bill of Rights.

An _____ means that there can be a change or addition, if needed.

The three branches created a _____ of power within the federal government.

Word Bank:

888	8	555
Amendment	14	Article
66	777	33
Authority	15th	Countries
777	777	88
People	10	Biased
4	3	666
Balance	Alliances	

CLUE 2

Find the correct answer by finding the correct numbers above the mystery word.

_____ delegates _____ the Constitution.

_____ approve? _____

_____ Constitutional Convention _____

_____ government does Article II _____

Word Bank:

2-2	1-4	1-9
Executive Branch	55	New York City
3-7	3-4	1-6
Philadelphia	Resolution	Ratify
1-5	1-5	2-8
7	Amend	Judicial Branch
2-2	1-3	2-7
39	Preamble	9

CLUE 1

Answer each multiple-choice question below to find the corresponding letter to unscramble the mystery word.

1. Which branch of the U.S. government is also known as Congress?
☒ Judicial Branch ☐ Legislative Branch
☐ Executive Branch ☐ Parliament

2. Americans had just broken away from the tight rule of which British leader?
☒ King James II ☐ King James IV
☐ King George I ☐ King George III

3. Which branch is responsible for enforcing laws?
☐ Executive Branch ☒ Legislative Branch
☐ Judicial Branch ☐ Commerce Branch

4. Which of the following is NOT a power of the States' Powers?
☐ Amendments ☐ Provincial
☐ States' Powers ☐ When did the signing of the Constitution take place?
☐ September 17 ☐ August 15
☒ July 4 ☒ June 21

5. What is another word for federal?
☐ Local ☐ International
☒ National ☐ County

Decoder Wheel:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

CLUE 3

Find the correct answer by finding the correct numbers above the mystery word.

_____ the Constitution.

_____ Benjamin Franklin was _____ the United States Constitution.

_____ The Constitution was drafted to replace the Articles of Confederation.

_____ The Constitution is further organized into nine different parts called Articles.

_____ The U.S. Constitution is the oldest government document that is still in use today.

Word Bank:

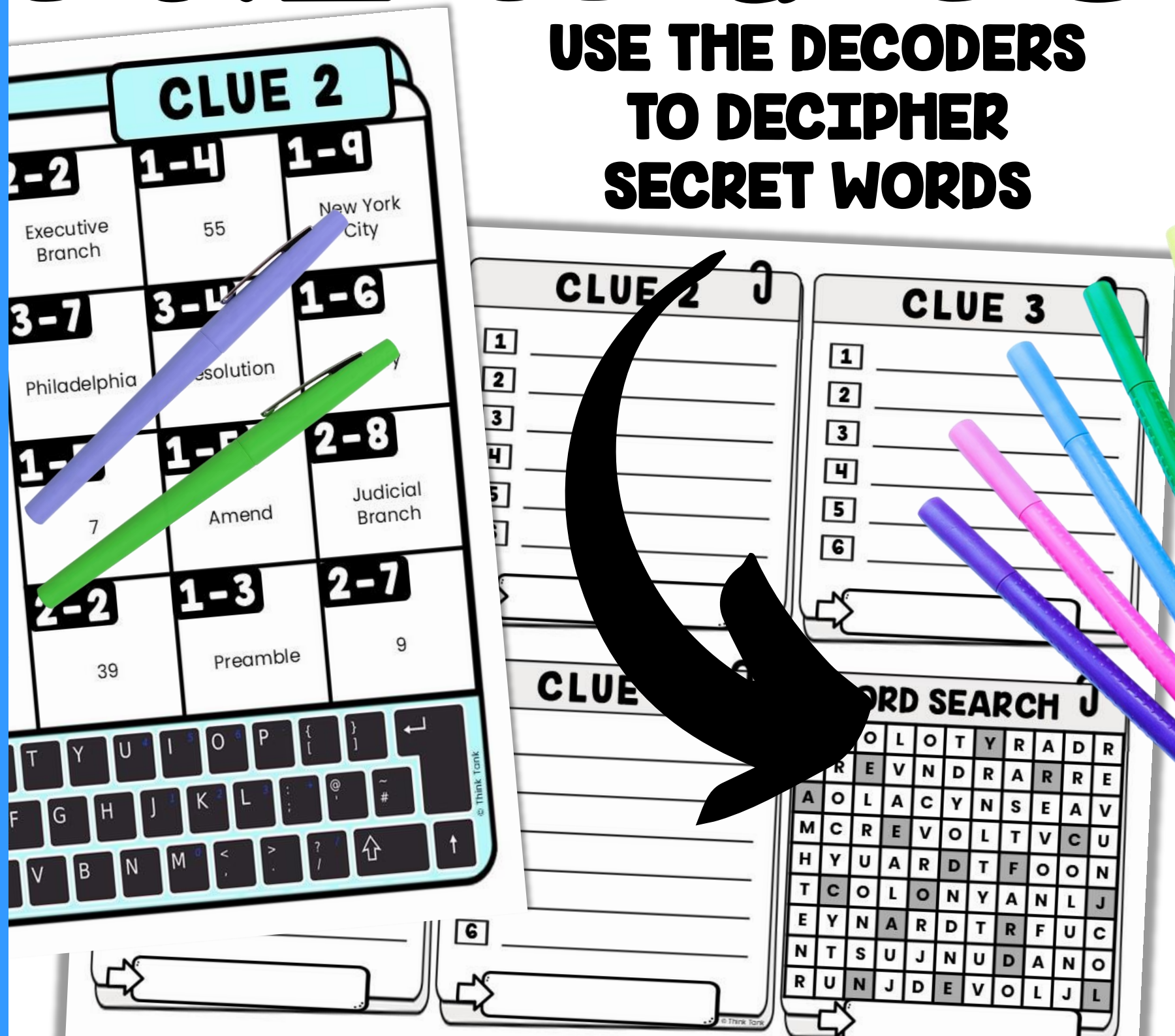
3	2	4	1
Magna Carta	3	2	4
3	2	4	1
3	2	4	1

Decoder Wheel:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

PRINT & GO

USE THE DECODERS TO DECIPHER SECRET WORDS



5 DECODERS

TXT MSG

66

3

2

Abolishing

Alliances

Twenty-six

DECODER

2 ABC

3 DEF

4 GHI

5 JKL

6 MNO

7 PQRS

8 TUV

9 WXYZ

CIPHER

13

< 34

27

50+

DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L	S	W	Y
D	E	F	M	N	O	T	X	Z
G	H	I	P	Q	R	U	V	

QWERTY

3-3

1-6

1-4

Thomas Jefferson

Resolution

2

DECODER

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

EX: 3-5 = B

CRYPTOGRAM

first

Apple

House

DECODER

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

POLYBIUS

5,3

3,3

4,2

King George I

Preamble

1775

DECODER

Across, then down. The letter "C" would be 5,1. If a letter is MISSING in the grid, it's YOUR job to determine what letter it is.

1	D	B	E	C
2	K	H	I/J	F
3	P	N	O	M
4	T	R	Q	S
5	Z	X	V	W

The **small and simple** word search was intentionally designed to keep students focused on learning key concepts rather than spending too much time searching for words.

CLUE 2

1

2

3

4

5

6

CLUE 3

1

2

3

4

5

6

CLUE 5

1

2

3

4

5

6

WORD SEARCH

B	C	O	L	O	T	Y	R	A	D	R
L	R	E	V	N	D	R	A	R	R	E
A	O	L	A	C	Y	N	S	E	A	V
M	C	R	E	V	O	L	T	V	C	U
H	Y	U	A	R	D	T	F	O	O	N
T	C	O	L	O	N	Y	A	N	L	J
E	Y	N	A	R	D	T	R	F	U	C
N	T	S	U	J	N	U	D	A	N	O
R	U	N	J	D	E	V	O	L	J	L

30 QUESTIONS

CLUE 1

TRUE OR
FALSE

4

5

6



CLUE 2

SHORT
ANSWER

4

5

6



CLUE 3

MULTIPLE
CHOICE

4

5

6



CLUE 4

MATCHING

4

5

6



CLUE 5

FILL IN
THE BLANK

4

5

6



WORD SEARCH

B	C	O	L	O	T	Y	R	A	D	R
L	R	E	V	N	D	R	A	R	R	E
A	O	L	A	C	Y	N	S	E	A	V
M	C	R	E	V	O	L	T	V	C	U
H	Y	U	A	R	D	T	F	O	O	N
T	C	O	L	O	N	Y	A	N	L	J
E	Y	N	A	R	D	T	R	F	U	C
N	T	S	U	J	N	U	D	A	N	O
R	U	N	J	D	E	V	O	L	J	L



**READ THE INCLUDED
PASSAGE TO GET
PREPARED FOR
THE CHALLENGE**

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

The U.S. Constitution is a document that states how the federal government can do, as well as what the government cannot do. The Constitution outlines the three branches of government. Then, it discusses the purpose of each branch in detail. The Constitution also includes the basic rights for all Americans.

The Constitution is organized into 3 main sections: the preamble, articles, and amendments. The U.S. Constitution is the highest authority in the nation and the oldest government document that is still in use today. The Constitution, or plan of government, is further organized into seven different parts called Articles. These include Legislative Powers, Executive Powers, Judicial Powers, States' Powers and Limits, Amendments, Federal Powers, and Ratification.

The United States had a document before the Constitution called the Articles of Confederation. The Articles of Confederation had many major problems, flaws or weaknesses. The Articles of Confederation did not allow the government to collect money. In turn, this meant that the government did not have any money to operate.

In 1787, the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation were discussed at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Here, the Constitution was drafted to replace the Articles of Confederation.

At the Constitutional Convention, the writers decided that the government needed three branches to operate. The three branches created a balance of power within the federal government. Each branch had a clear purpose, but none could become too powerful. This was very important to Americans at the time as they had just broken away from the tight rule of the British government under King George III.

The Framers of the Constitution created a "living" document, which means that it can be changed at any given time. James Madison became known as the "Father of the Constitution" because he made the laws. Article I is the Legislative Branch, or Article II is the Executive Branch, or Article III is the Judicial Branch.

STEP 1

**STUDENTS VISIT 5 STATIONS
AND ANSWER 6 QUESTIONS PER
STATION. THEIR DECODED
ANSWERS WILL UNSCRAMBLE TO
REVEAL A SECRET WORD.**

CLUE 1

Read each statement and determine if it is True or False. Then, unscramble the mystery word.

1. The word 'constitution' means a plan of change.
2. George Washington became the first President of the United States.
3. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest signer of the United States Constitution at the age of 81.
4. The Constitution was drafted to replace the Articles of Confederation.
5. The Constitution is further organized into nine different parts called Articles.
6. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest government document that is still in use today.

TRUE	FALSE

DECODER

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L

STEP 2

STUDENTS FIND THE **5** SECRET WORDS IN THE WORD SEARCH

CLUE 1

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

CLUE 2

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

CLUE 3

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

CLUE 4

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

WORD SEARCH

O	L	O	T	Y	R	A	D	R
E	V	N	D	R	A	R	R	E
O	L	A	C	Y	N	S	E	A
M	C	R	E	V	O	L	T	V
H	Y	U	A	R	D	T	F	O
T	C	O	L	O	N	Y	A	N
E	Y	N	A	R	D	T	R	F
N	T	S	N					

STEP 3

HOW IT WORKS

ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

With their informational text in hand, students will move around the classroom visiting 5 puzzle stations. Each “clue card” station includes 6 questions and a puzzle decoder. Each clue card, with questions answered correctly, results in a mystery word that needs unscrambled. Questions include matching, true/false, short answer, fill in the blank and multiple choice. Each station has a different set of question types.

2

When all clues have been decoded, those words will serve as the **word bank** for the word search – which ALSO reveals a final mystery word. This way, students must complete each task and can not simply find the words in the word search without putting in the work first.



BENEFITS

- ✓ PRINT & GO
- ✓ CLOSE READING
- ✓ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ SECRET CODES
- ✓ 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!**



A decorative border of colorful pens (yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, green) is visible on the left and right sides of the image, framing the central text.

USE FOR

ANTICIPATORY SETS

UNIT REVIEW

EARLY FINISHERS

STATIONS

REWARD ACTIVITY

SUB PLANS

COLLABORATION

ENRICHMENT

GALLERY WALK