

SCAVENGER HUNT



THINK
TANK

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

4 numbers remain (in
der you listed them)?

10 READING CARDS

1 Dolley Madison, the wife of President Madison, is remembered as one of the most influential First Ladies. Known for her intelligence, and political savvy, Dolley played a pivotal role during moments of national leadership during the War of 1812 and to secure the nation's most important landmarks and symbols have solidified her place in history as a "Founding Mother."

➔ The War of 1812 is often called the _____ war for American independence.

2 Dolley Payne (birthname) was born on September 20, 1768, in New Garden, North Carolina. She came from a well-established family. Her early life was marked by personal and national challenges.

7 British forces had already reached the nation's capital when news of the rebellion reached the White House. The rebels were forced to flee the city as British forces captured it. In the process, fire from many of the buildings destroyed the Capitol and other government buildings. The advanced army considered important documents, including the portrait of George Washington, and saved them from destruction by burning the White House.

...institutional ____
...place in 1787.

8 An attack left the White House in ruins and took several years before the main part was fully rebuilt. While the White House was being finished, the Madisons lived in the Octagon House, a temporary residence for the Executive Mansion. After leaving the White House in 1817, the Madisons retired to their estate called Montpelier in Virginia. James Madison, known as the "Father of the Constitution," had a wealth of notes, letters, and documents related to his involvement in the creation of the U.S. Constitution and his time as Secretary of State and President.

 James Madison won over Cotesworth Pinckney.

3 In 1790, Dolley married John Todd Jr., a Philadelphia lawyer. However, in 1793 during a yellow fever epidemic, she became ill with a young son, John. In 1794, she married James Madison, who would later become the fourth President of the United States. The two were introduced by Aaron Burr, a longtime friend of James. In 1800, Thomas Jefferson elected President, and he asked James Madison to serve as his Secretary of State. With this appointment, James and Dolley moved to Washington, D.C.

She came from a well-established ____ family.

4 In the presidential election of 1808, Democratic-Republican candidate James Madison won a decisive victory over Federalist candidate Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. Dolley became the First Lady when James Madison took office as President in 1809. She held this role for eight years.

Madison understood the importance of these papers and gave them to his son, James Madison Jr., for organizing and copying these valuable documents, which included personal notes of James Madison at the 1787 Constitutional Convention. In 1818, Madison recognized the value of these papers and authorized \$55,000 to compensate for editing, organizing, and publishing volumes of Madison's collected works.

What is the name of the Madison estate in Virginia?

10 Following James Madison's death, Dolley lived for several more years, staying active in society. She became the first woman to be honored with a state funeral by the U.S. government, which occurred after her death in 1849. Her portrait was featured on the U.S. postage stamp in 1999 as part of the "First Ladies" series, which honored the contributions of the First Ladies in American history.

 Dolley saved a ____ of George Washington.

5 Dolley used her position to bring together people from different backgrounds, from politicians to diplomats to common citizens. Through her social gatherings, she helped foster a sense of unity among the various factions (groups) of American politics. Her gatherings at the White House were known as "Wednesday Nights."

She was known for her grace,
intelligence, and ____ savvy.

CODE
WORD

The War of 1812 was a conflict fought between the United States and the British Empire from 1812 to 1815. It is often called the "second war for American independence" because it was largely driven by issues left unresolved after the American Revolution. In August 1814, British forces, led by Major General Robert Ross, entered Washington, D.C. The United States had been struggling in the war, and British forces

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

FOUND
CARD #

[illegible]

FINAL WORD ANSWER

4 DIGIT CODE



CODE Next, using the numbers in the FIVE column in the SAME color in which you recorded them above, follow the clues.

Eliminate the highest number in the FOUN column.

Get a lot of advice that
speed with just a little

Eliminate numbers with



FINAL CODE

What 4 numbers are in the order you wrote them?

CITE EVIDENCE

ANSWER SHEET the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. FOUND CARD #

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FINAL WORD ANSWER:

4 DIGIT CODE Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the same order in which you recorded them above; follow these clues.

Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

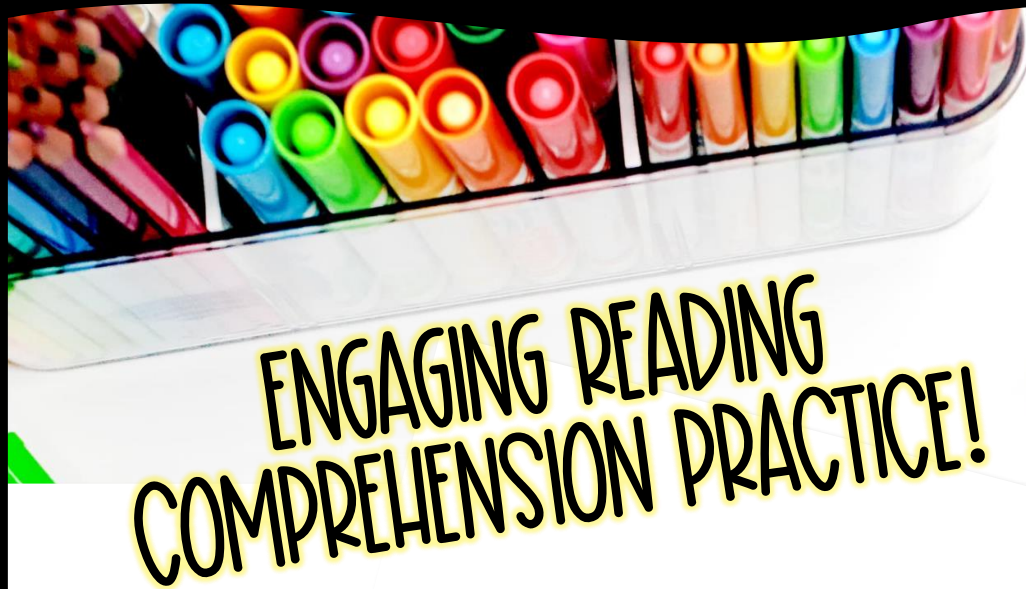
Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just letters.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter

FINAL CODE What 4 numbers remain (in the order you listed them)?

- 1 STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS
- 2 STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE** THEY FOUND THE ANSWER
- 3 STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD
- 4 STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING
COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

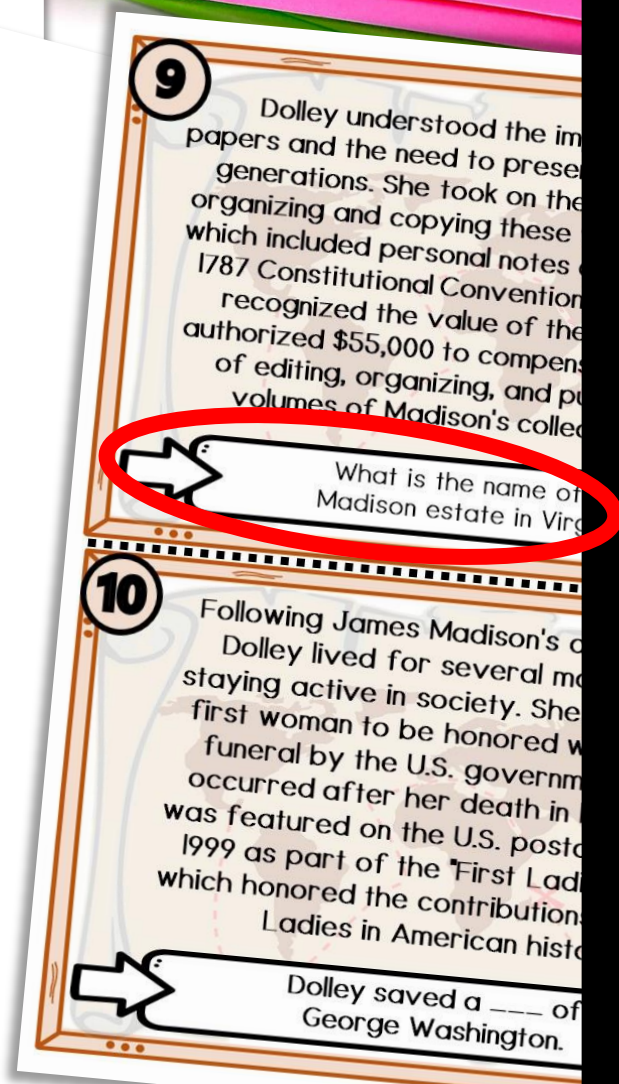
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.

2

Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".

3

The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ☒ **movement**
- ☒ **close reading**
- ☒ **comprehension skills**
- ☒ **mystery words & codes**
- ☒ **citing evidence**
- ☒ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!



-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  MOVEMENT
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

