

ESCAPE ROOM

A collage of various educational worksheets and activities. At the top, a large black banner with the text "WORD SEARCH" in white capital letters. Below it, several worksheets are visible. One worksheet on the left has a "DECODER" section with a grid of letters and icons, and a "CLUE 5" section with a word search grid. Another worksheet on the right has a "DECODER" section with a grid of letters and icons, and a "CLUE 6" section with a word search grid. A third worksheet at the bottom has a "CLUE 4" section with a word search grid. There are also several clue cards and a "THINK TANK" logo in the bottom left corner. The worksheets include various activities such as word searches, decoders, and clue cards. The "THINK TANK" logo is a circular emblem with the words "THINK" and "TANK" in a stylized font. The worksheets are colorful and feature various icons and text. The overall theme is educational and focused on word games and puzzles.

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

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.

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.

TRUE	FALSE

- Each side on the French and Indian War had Native American allies.
- The Battles of Lexington and Concord took place in 1772.

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.

- What word means money owed?
- In what city did the First Continental Congress gather?

2-2	2-1	1-9
East India	Debt	40,000
1-8	3-4	3-6

CLUE 3

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

- How many men boarded the ships during the Boston Tea Party?
- What were the Coercive Acts also known as?

9	180	Sugar Acts	Townshend Acts

CLUE 4

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

- Another word for repeal.
- Year the Boston Massacre took place.

2,3	3,4	4,1
Ratify	Abandon	1770
3,2	5,3	3,2

CLUE 5

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

- Since the war was fought for the colonists, Britain believed it was fair to _____ them.
- The British ships were named the _____, the _____, Eleanor, and the Beaver.

999	8	555
Pinta	Straddle	Elliot
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

CLUE 1

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SECRET WORD

CLUE 2

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SECRET WORD

CLUE 3

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SECRET WORD

CLUE 4

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SECRET WORD

CLUE 5

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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	D
C	A	G	O	E	L	H	V	M	N
E	T	N	P	T	M	A	T	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

SECRET WORD

TEACHER FAQ'S

Advice I can 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 one puzzle, I highly recommend partners or groups of 3 for best engagement. This not only saves paper but also promotes collaboration."

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 has a different set of question numbers. When results in a mystery word that needs unscrambled. Each station has a different set of question numbers. When

STATION 1

TRUE OR FALSE

crypt+ogr

ENTER

1 2 ABC 3 DEF

CONFIDENTIAL

TOP SECRET

5 CLUE CARDS



CLUE 5

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

war was fought for the colonists,
believed it was fair to ___ them.

ships were named the ___, the
, and the Beaver.

was chosen as the president
of the First Congress.

The colonists believed in their motto "no ___
without representation."

Colonists made the decision to ___ (sneak
in illegally) Dutch tea.

One leader of the Sons of Liberty was Paul
___.

999	8	555
Pinta	Straddle	Elliot
66	7777	33
Recruit	Smuggle	Revere
444	7	6
Tax	Abdication	Dartmouth
7	3	666
Peyton	Wallace	

5 JKL
6 MNO
7 PQR

The image shows a collage of educational materials. In the foreground, a large blue padlock is visible. Behind it, there is a multiple-choice quiz with the following questions and options:

- How many men boarded the ships during the Boston Tea Party?
 - ☐ 9
 - ☐ 24
 - ☐ 180
 - ☒ 360
- What were the Sons of Liberty originally called?
 - ☒ Royal Seven
 - ☐ Redcoats
- What did they use to break open the tea chests?
 - ☒ Muskets
 - ☐ Axes

Below the quiz, there is a crossword puzzle grid with the following letters filled in:

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

To the right of the grid, there is a 3x3 grid with the following letters filled in:

J	K	L
M	N	O
P	Q	R

Below the 3x3 grid, there is a crossword puzzle grid with the following letters filled in:

S	T
U	V

In the background, there is a multiple-choice quiz with the following questions and options:

- What were the Sugar Acts?
 - ☐ Town
 - ☒ Intolerable
- How many men died during the Boston Massacre?
 - ☐ 10
 - ☒ 25
- Who did representatives of the colonies write a letter to?
 - ☐ King Edward
 - ☒ King George VII
 - ☐ King George III

CLUE 2				
1-9	2-1	2-2	3-4	3-6
40,000	Debt	East India	Virginia	Federation
2-9	1-5	1-8	3-5	2-1
Philadelphia	Rudolph	90,000	Washington	40,000
3-3	1-3	2-9	3-3	3-6
Boston	Randolph	Parliament	Boston	Federation

The collage features several educational tools:

- Key:** A large blue key with a circular hole in the head.
- Word Search:** A grid of letters with a keyhole cutout. The letters are:

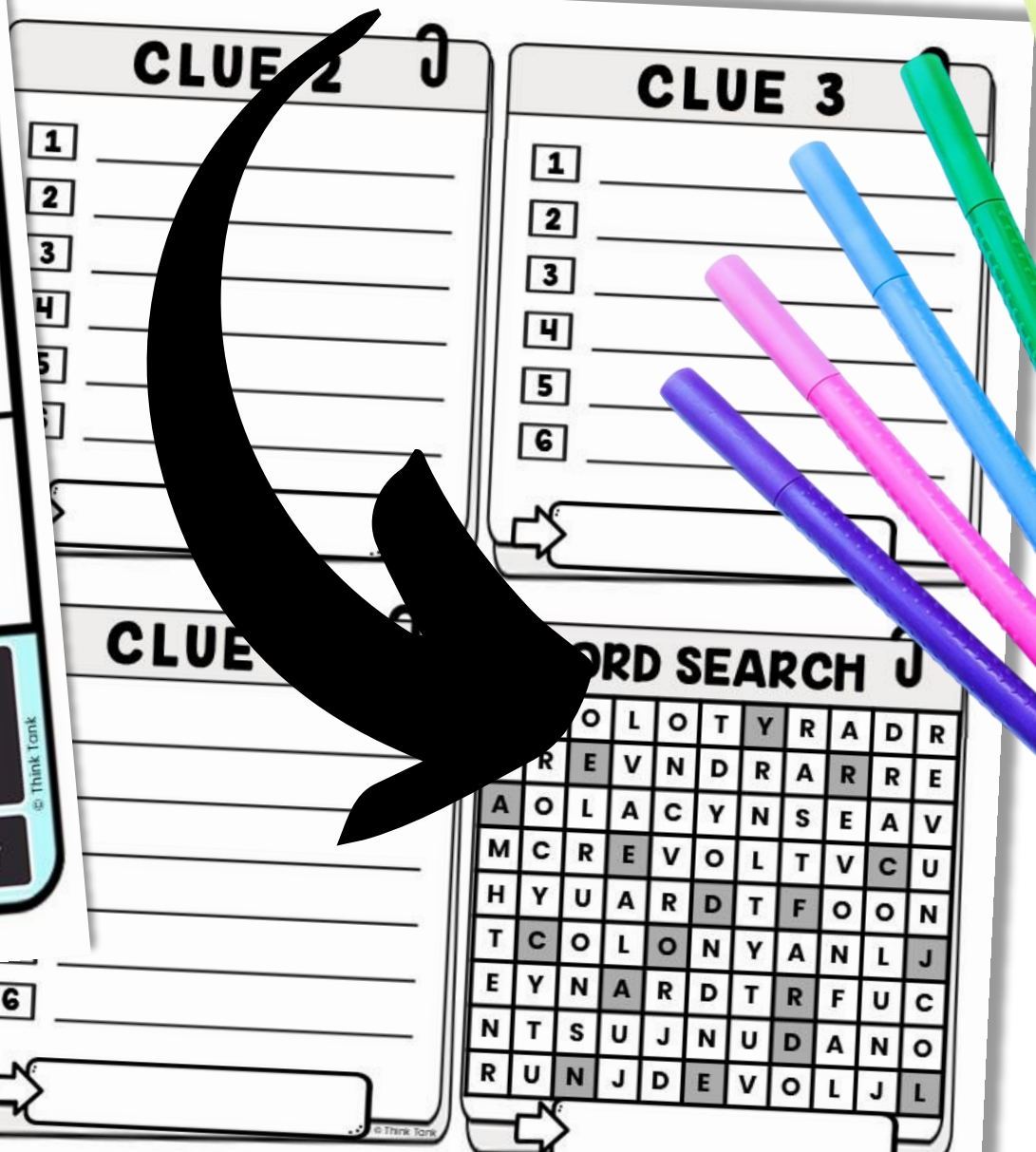
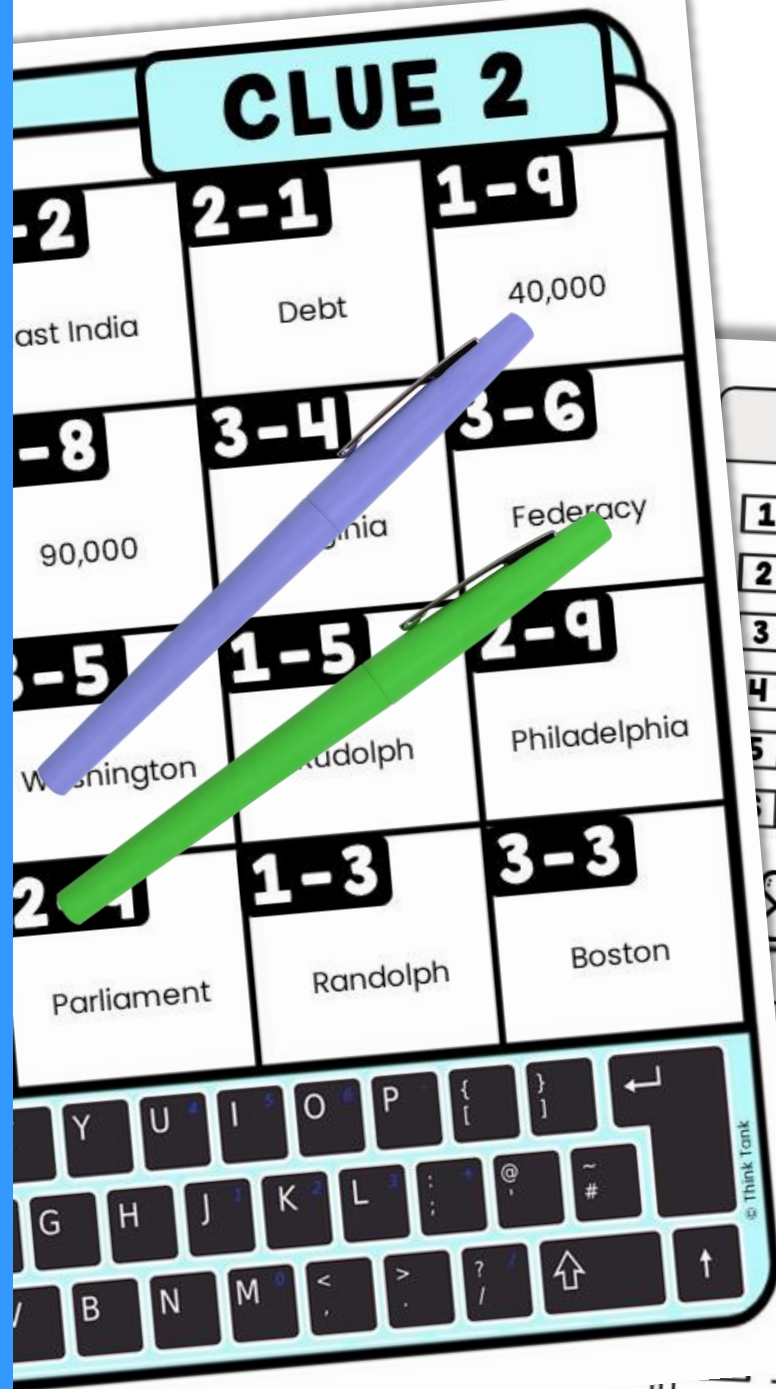
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
- Matching Activity:** A grid of icons with a keyhole cutout. The icons are:

True	False
Book	Ruler
Bar chart	Scissors
House	Backpack
Paperclip	House
Car	Crayon
Teddy bear	Calculator
- Decoder:** A grid of letters with a keyhole cutout. The letters are:

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
- Text:** A list of sentences:
 - The men who threw the first stones were Native Americans.
 - The colonists thought the taxes were fair.
 - The British Royal Navy sent warships to patrol the area.
 - Representatives from 10 of the 13 colonies wrote a letter to King Henry III.

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
D	E	F	M	N	O	T	X
G	H	I	P	Q	R	U	Y
						V	Z

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

BOSTON TEA PARTY

After the French and Indian War, which was fought between Britain and the colonies against New France for control of America, Britain was in a lot of debt. Each side had Native American allies and the colonists also had British soldiers. Since the war was fought for the colonists, Britain believed it was fair to tax them to pay for money they owed for providing troops and supplies. However, the colonists believed in their motto "no taxation without representation," which meant they shouldn't be taxed by Britain when they had no representation in Parliament (British government).

Although the colonists didn't think the taxes were fair and voiced their opinions, Britain continued to impose new taxes including a tax on tea. Protests started as tensions grew. A group of Patriots in Boston, who called themselves the Sons of Liberty, started protesting the taxes and laws. The Sons of Liberty, originally called the Loyal Nine, was a secret society of American colonists who wanted to fight taxation by the British government. One protest that occurred in 1770, led to violence when British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists, killing five men. This event became known as the Boston Massacre.

After the Boston Massacre, Britain repealed, or removed, most of the taxes. However, they did not remove the tax on tea, since British colonists drank a lot of tea. In response, the colonists, led by the Sons of Liberty, made the decision to boycott (refuse to buy) British tea and instead, smuggle (sneak in illegally) Dutch tea. The Sons of Liberty were led by Samuel Adams, John Adams, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, and Paul Revere. The members would always meet secretly so they wouldn't get caught and imprisoned by the British.

After colonists started boycotting tea, Britain lost a substantial amount of money on tea that was never bought. In response, Parliament passed the Tea Act, which allowed Britain to have a monopoly (full control) on tea. This meant the colonists could not buy tea from any other country and had to pay the tax on tea to Britain. The new law allowed the East India Company to bring tea in their ships to Britain. The new law also meant that the ships did not stop in England. The colonists could now buy tea more cheaply to the colonists.

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, use the decoder to reveal the mystery word.

1. Each side on the ... and Indian War had ...
2. The Battles of Lexington ... 1772.
3. The men who threw the tea into ... as Native Americans.
4. The colonists thought the taxes were fair.
5. The British Royal Navy sent warships to patrol the area.
6. Representatives from 10 of the 13 colonies wrote a letter to King Henry III.

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 in yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, and green, arranged in a repeating pattern on the left and right sides of the page.

USE FOR

ANTICIPATORY SETS

UNIT REVIEW

EARLY FINISHERS

STATIONS

REWARD ACTIVITY

SUB PLANS

COLLABORATION

ENRICHMENT

GALLERY WALK