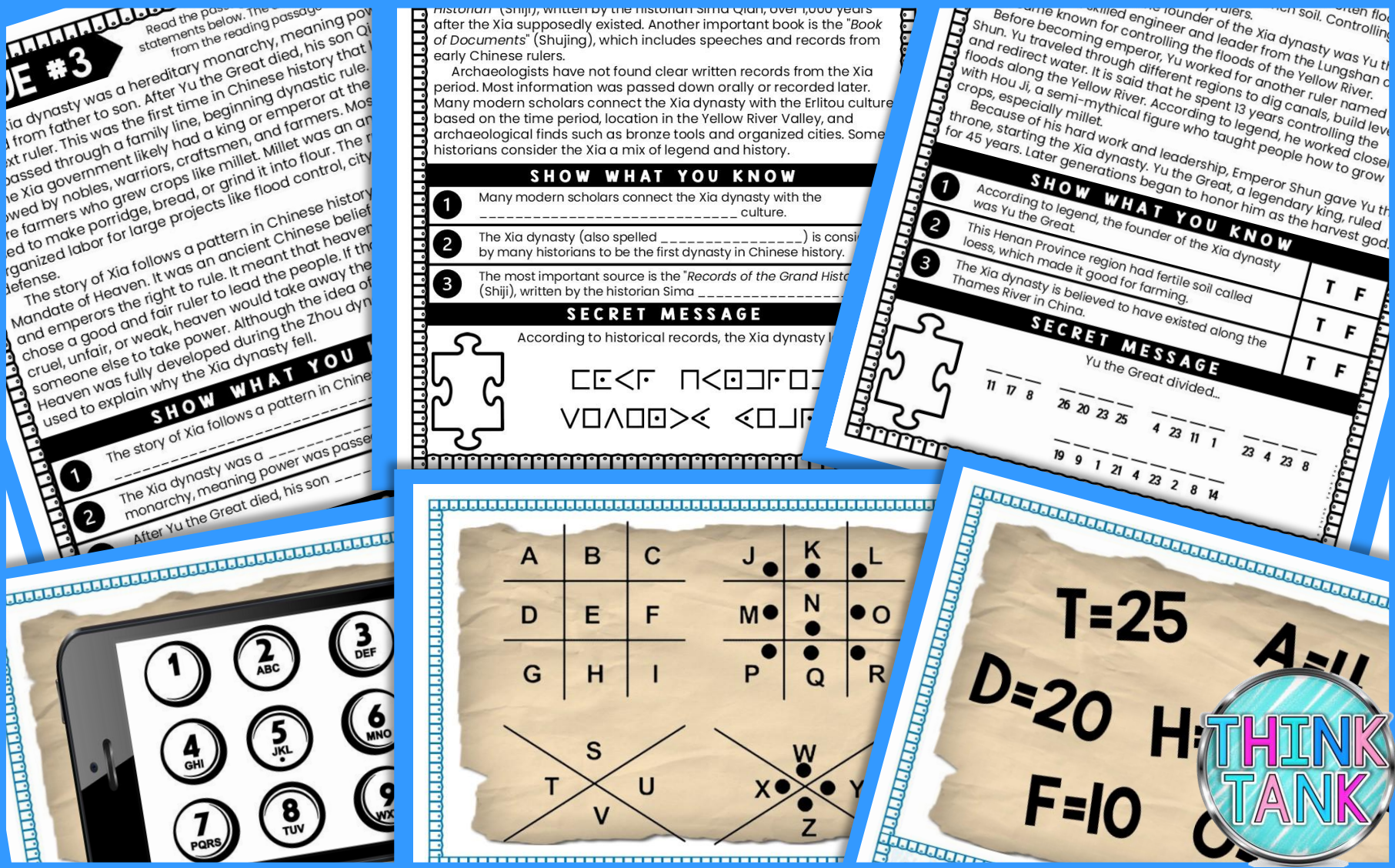
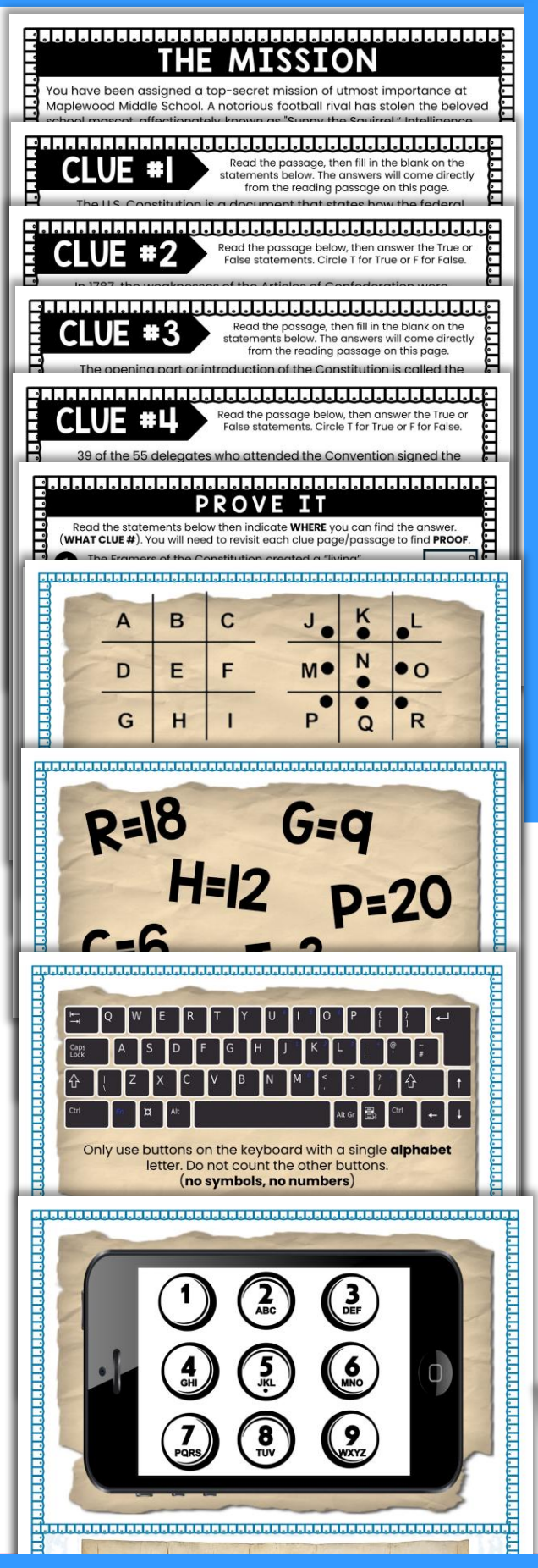
XIA DYNASTY ESCAPE ROOM



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

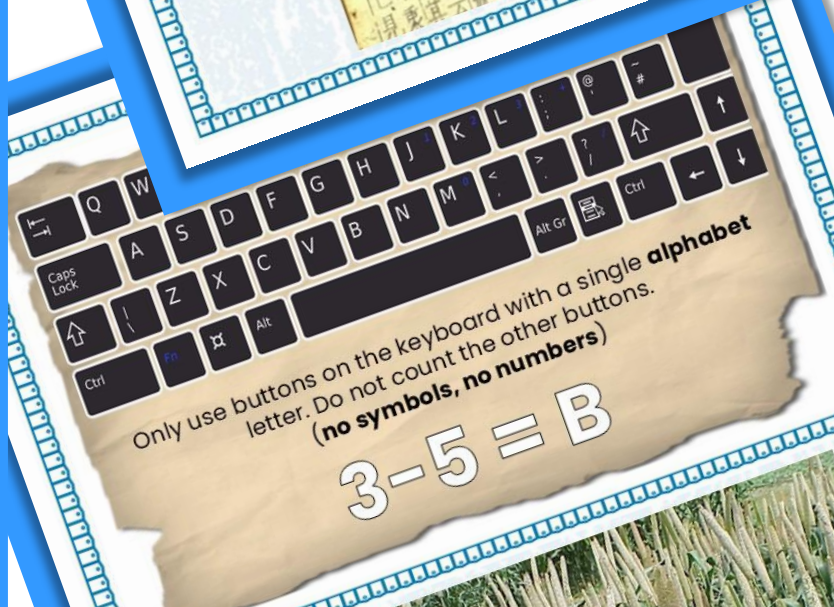

CLUE #1
Read the passage, then fill in the statements below. The answers will come from the reading passage on this page.
The Xia dynasty (also spelled Hsia) is considered by many historians to be the first dynasty in Chinese history. A dynasty is a series of rulers from the same family who rule over a country or region for a long time. Although there is debate about whether it truly existed, Chinese tradition places the Xia dynasty at the beginning of
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The most important source is the "Records of the Grand Historian" (Shiji), written by the historian Sima
SECRET MESSAGE
According to historical records, the Xia dynasty
CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then fill in the True or False statements. Circle T for True and F for False.
The Xia dynasty is believed to have existed along the Yellow River (Huang He) in China. This Henan Province region had fertile soil called loess, which made it good for farming. It was also a place where other early Chinese civilization developed. The Yellow River often flooded, which caused destruction but also brought rich soil. Controlling the river was a major concern for early rulers.
According to legend, the founder of the Xia dynasty was Yu the Great. He was a skilled engineer
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SECRET MESSAGE
Yu the Great divided...
11 17 8
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CLUE #3
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SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1
The story of Xia follows a pattern in Chinese history called the _____ of Heaven.
2
The Xia dynasty was a _____ monarchy, meaning power was passed from father to son.
3
After Yu the Great died, his son _____ became the next ruler.
SECRET MESSAGE
During the rule of Xia dynasty, there were...
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Nanchao (modern Anhui).
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
1
The last ruler of the Xia dynasty is traditionally known as Puyi of Xia.
2
The Erlitou people used bronze to make tools, weapons, and ritual objects.
3
Jade, a red gem, was used in jewelry, tools, and religious rituals.
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SECRET MESSAGE
Jie of Xia likely ruled for...
333 444 333 8 999
8 44 777 33 33
999 33 2 777 7777

4 DECODERS


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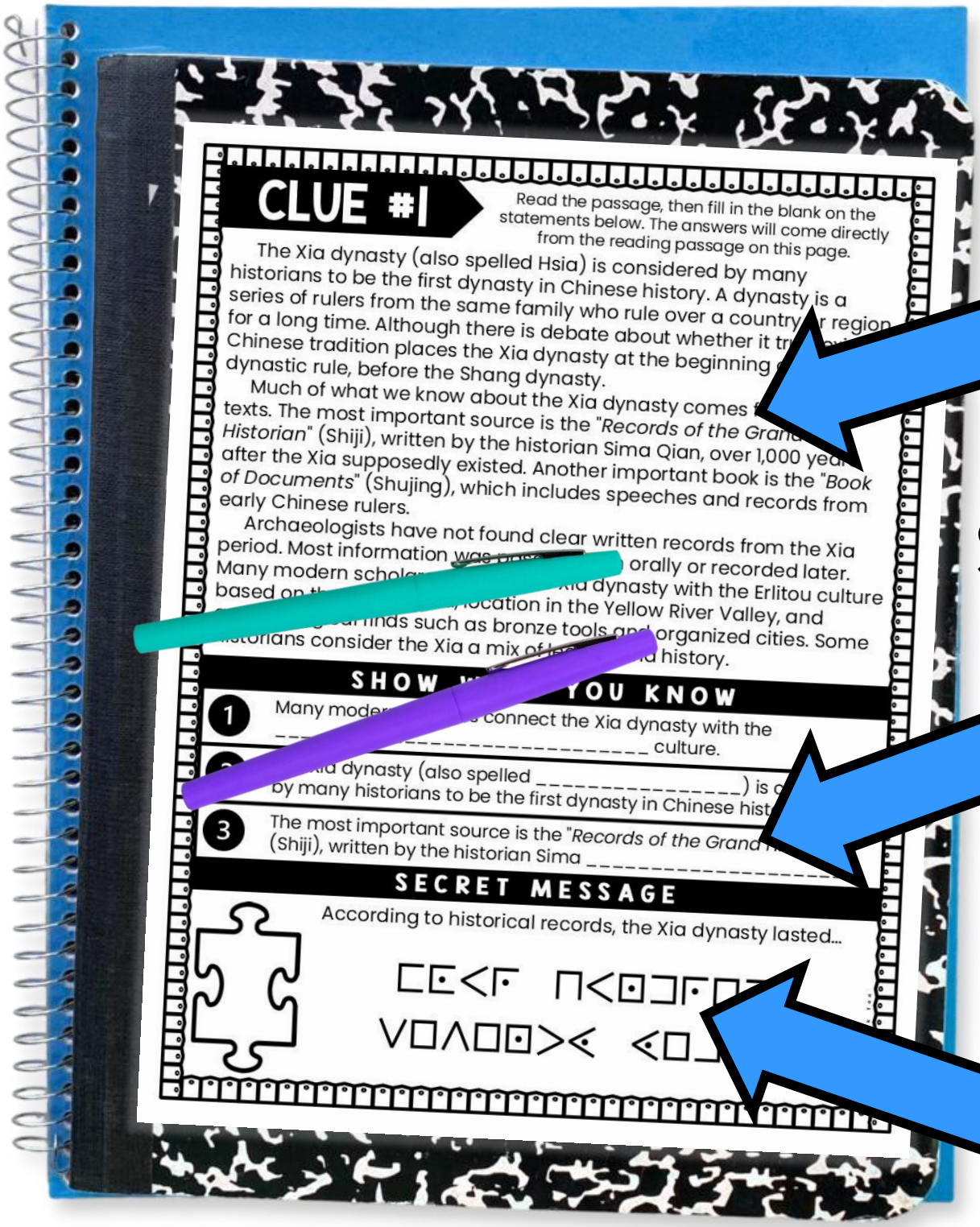

Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single **alphabet** letter. Do not count the other buttons.
(**no symbols, no numbers**)
3-5 = B


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





READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

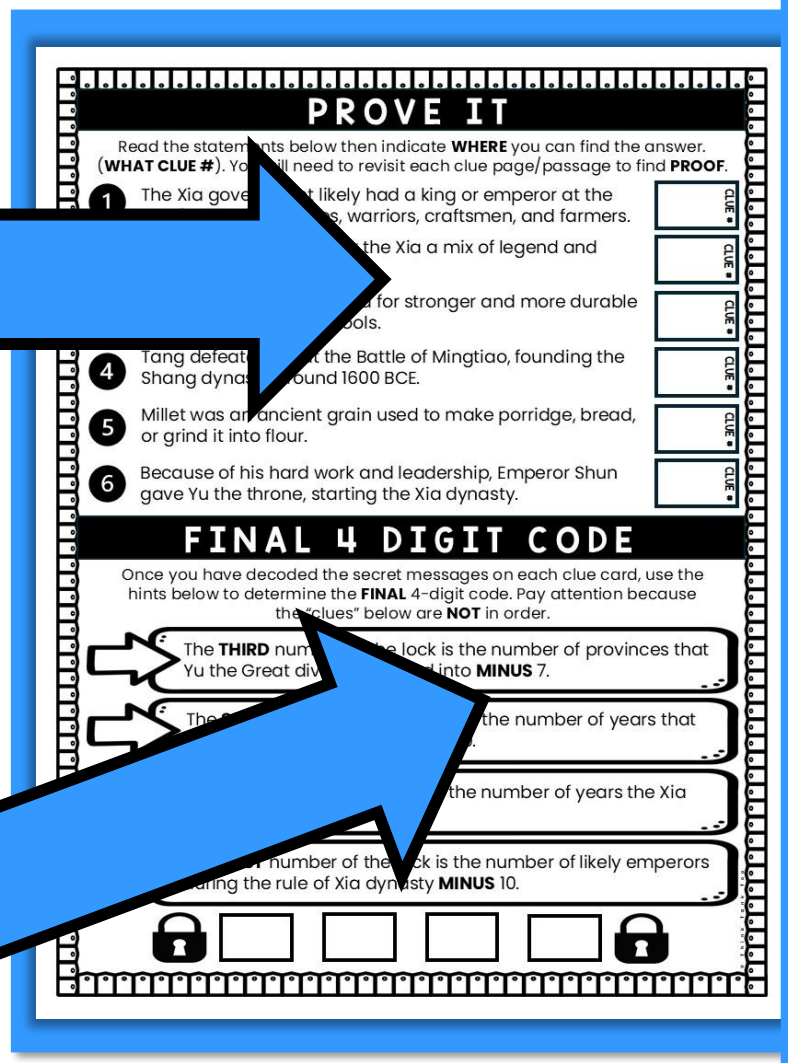
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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

REWARD ACTIVITY

SUB PLANS

COLLABORATION

ENRICHMENT

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