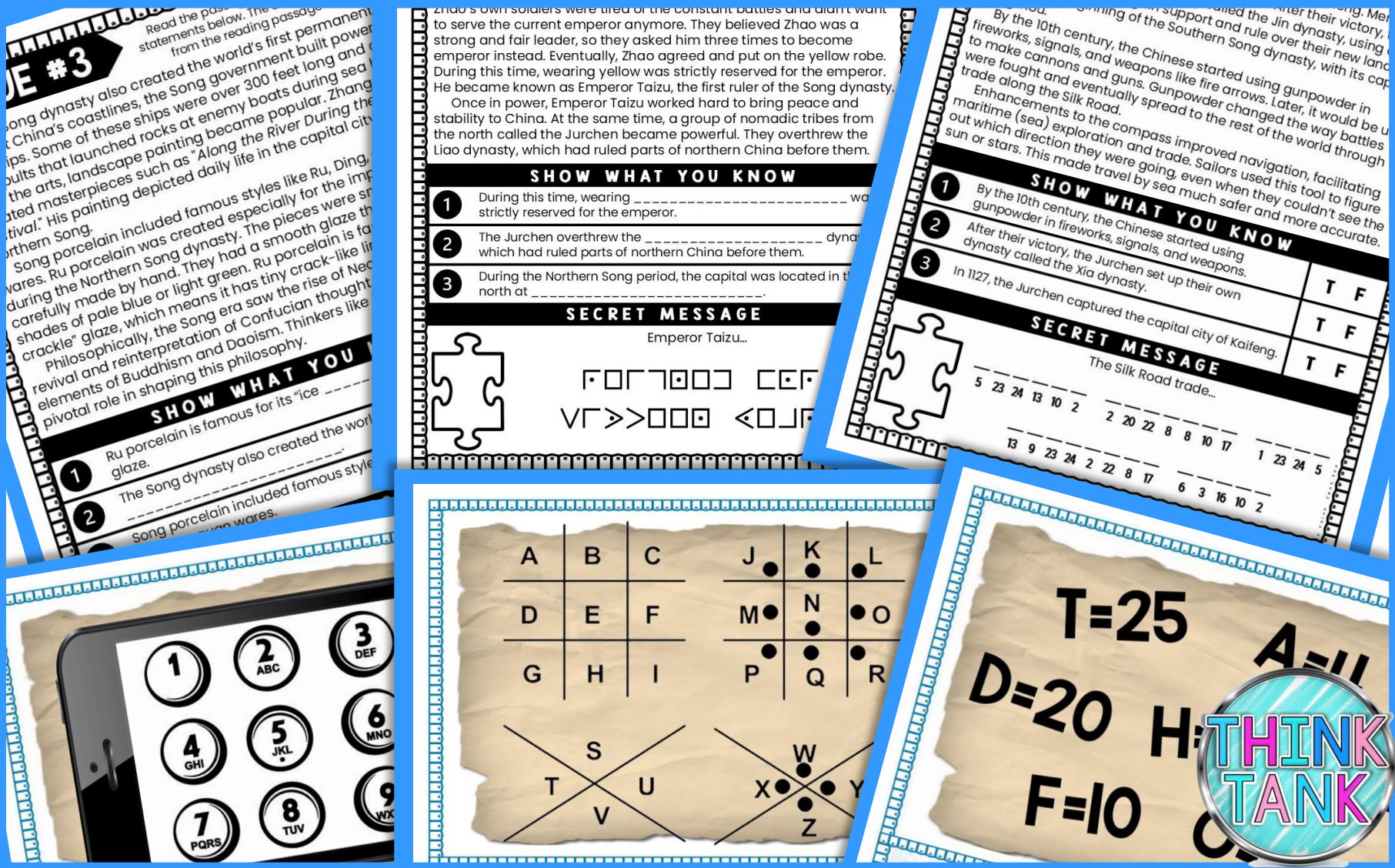
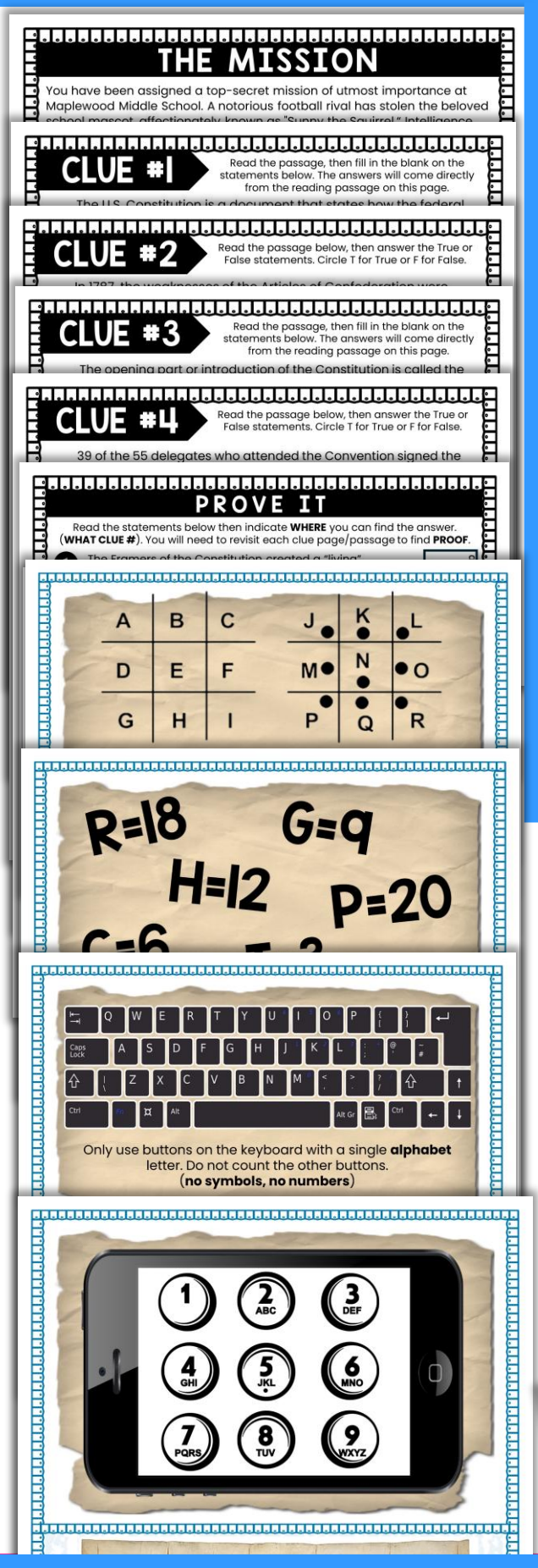
SONG DYNASTY ESCAPE ROOM



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



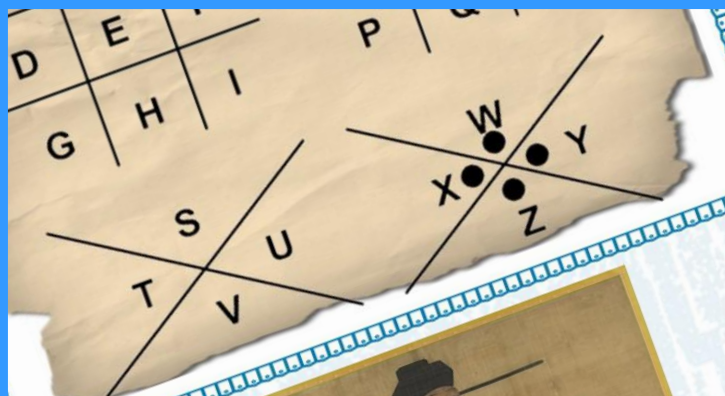




4 CLUE CARDS


CLUE #1
Read the passage, then fill in the statements below. The answers will come from the reading passage on this page.
The Song dynasty was known for its advancements in technology, art, and government. The dynasty is divided into two parts: the Northern Song (960–1127) and the Southern Song (1127–1279). During the Northern Song period, the capital was located in the north at Kaifeng. After an invasion, the government moved south, beginning the Southern Song period.
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Zhao's own soldiers
to serve the current
strong and fair
emperor instead
During this time
He became known
Once in power
stability to
the north
Liao dynasty
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
During the
strictly reserved
The Jurchen overthrew the
which had ruled parts of northern China before them.
During the Northern Song period, the capital was located in the north at
SECRET MESSAGE
Emperor Taizu...
CLUE #2
Read the passage below, then fill in the True or False statements. Circle T for True and F for False.
After defeating the Liao, the Jurchen turned their attention to the Northern Song dynasty. The Northern Song government was weak and unprepared, making it an easy target.
In 1127, the Jurchen captured the capital city of Kaifeng. Members of the royal court were forced to retreat south. After their victory, the Jurchen set up their own dynasty called the Jin dynasty, using a Chinese name to help gain support and rule over their new lands. This marked the beginning of the Southern Song dynasty, with its capital in Hangzhou.
By the 10th century, the Chinese began using gunpowder in fireworks, signals, and weapons. It would be used to make cannons and fire arrows. During the Song dynasty, battles were fought and even won with gunpowder changed trade along the Silk Road through
Enhancements to ships, facilitating maritime (sea) exploration. The compass was a tool to figure out which direction they were going when the rest of the sun or stars. This
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
T F
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T F
After their victory, the Jin established a dynasty called the Xia
In 1127, the Jurchen captured the capital of Kaifeng.
SECRET MESSAGE
The Silk Road trade...
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2 20 22 8 8 10 17
13 9 23 24 2 22 8 17
6 3 16 10 2
CLUE #3
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during the Northern Song
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revival and reinterpretat
elements of Buddhism a
pivotal role in shaping th
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
Ru porcelain is famous for its "ice
glaze.
The Song dynasty also created the world's first permanent
"
Song porcelain included famous styles like Ru,
and Longquan wares.
SECRET MESSAGE
Zhang Zeduan's scroll painting included 814 humans, various...
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Hangzhou in 1276, leading to the fall of the Song dynasty in 1279.
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW
The Mongols captured Hangzhou in 1216, leading to the fall of the Song dynasty in 1224.
To defeat the Jin, the Song formed an alliance with the Aztec.
Foot binding was a painful tradition where young girls' feet were tightly wrapped to keep them small.
SECRET MESSAGE
In Kaifeng, the Iron Pagoda was built by the
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8 44 666 88 7777 2 66
666 777 8 999 66 44

4 DECODERS

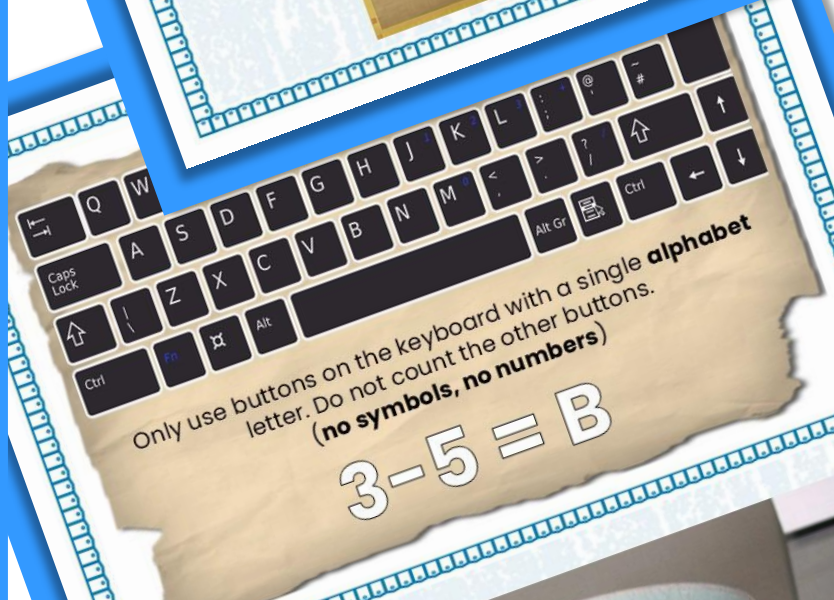




P=20 M=6

H=9 F=1 R=5

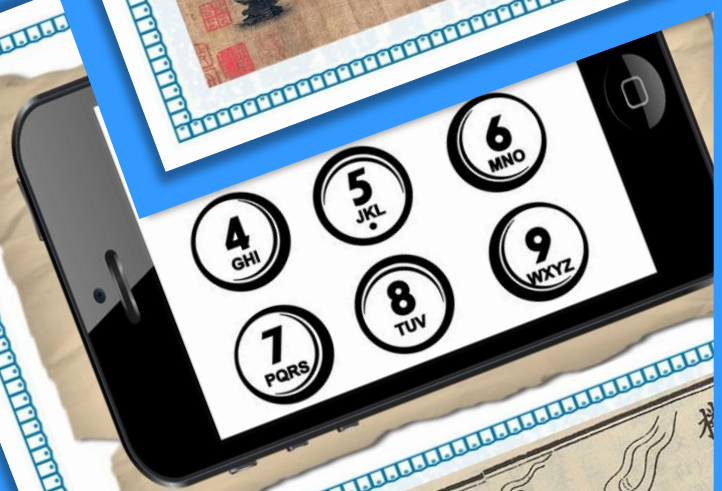




Only use buttons on the keyboard with a single **alphabet** letter. Do not count the other buttons.
(**no symbols, no numbers**)

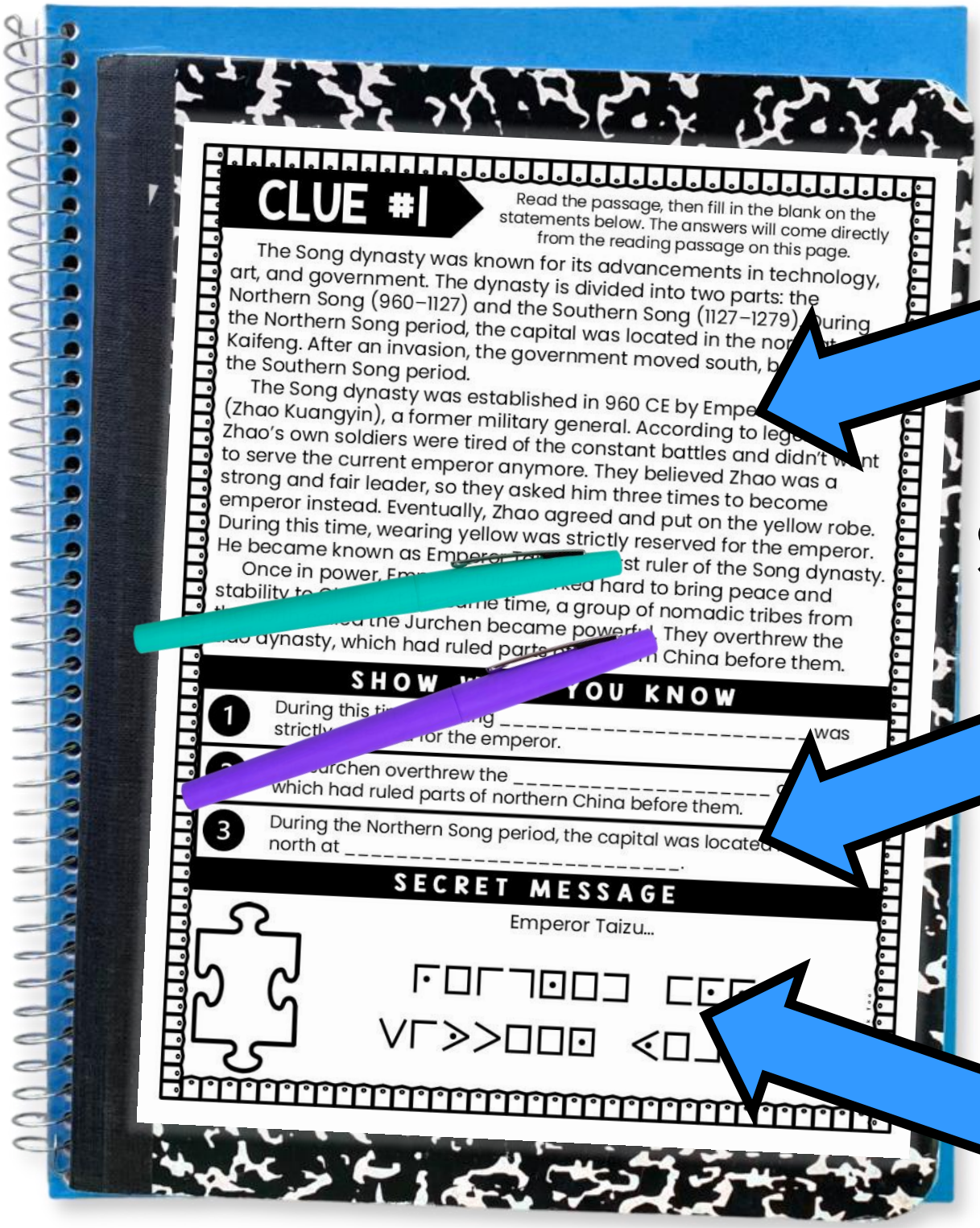
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READ & THINK



READ THE PASSAGE

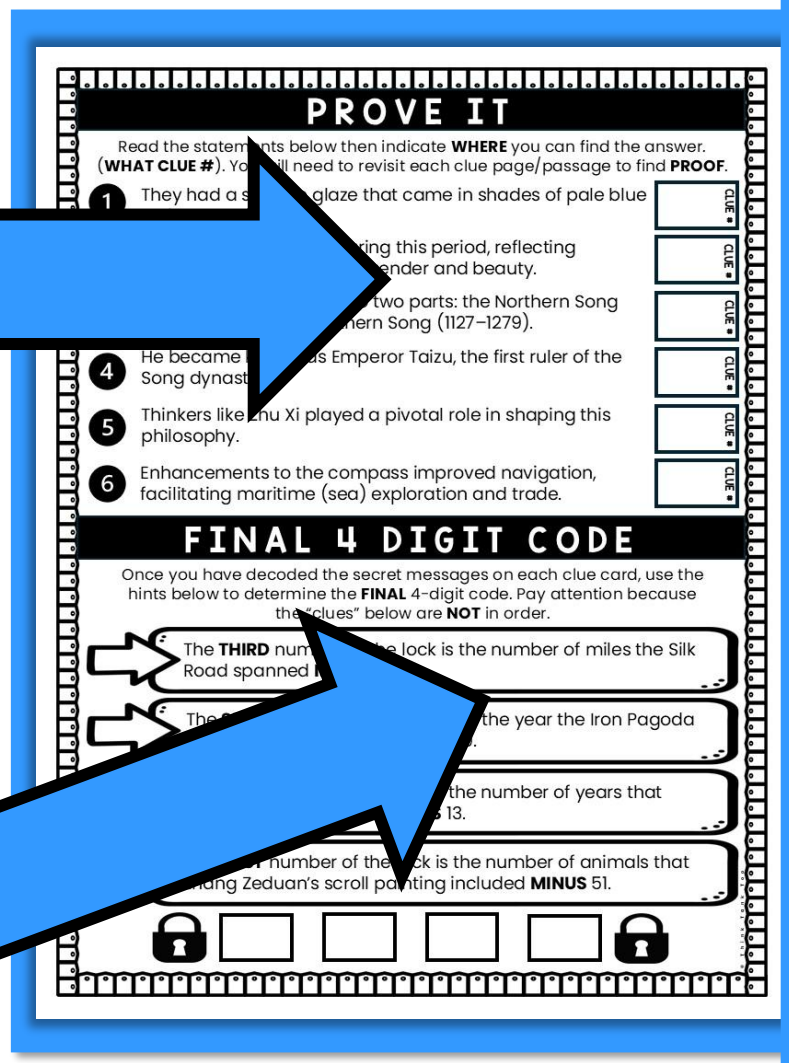
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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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