

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Close Reading Activities in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills ~~and~~ reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer. **Once they complete this task, they'll use the passage to complete the remaining tasks.**

TASK 2: FIND AND FIX

Students will read 10 INCORRECT statements, find the correct answer in the reading passage and then rewrite the CORRECT sentence.

TASK 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage. The end result will be a secret code word.

TASK 4: MAIN IDEA

Students will complete a graphic organizer about the main idea. They will need to write TWO main ideas or summary statements. They will then need to provide 3 pieces of supporting details from the text for each main idea.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

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MIDDLE

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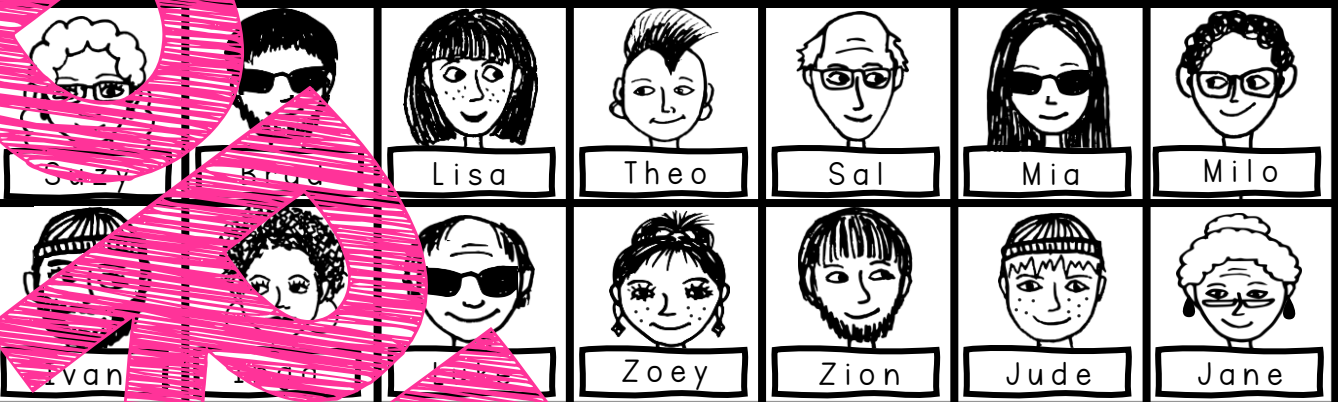
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CASE FILE DOSSIER

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

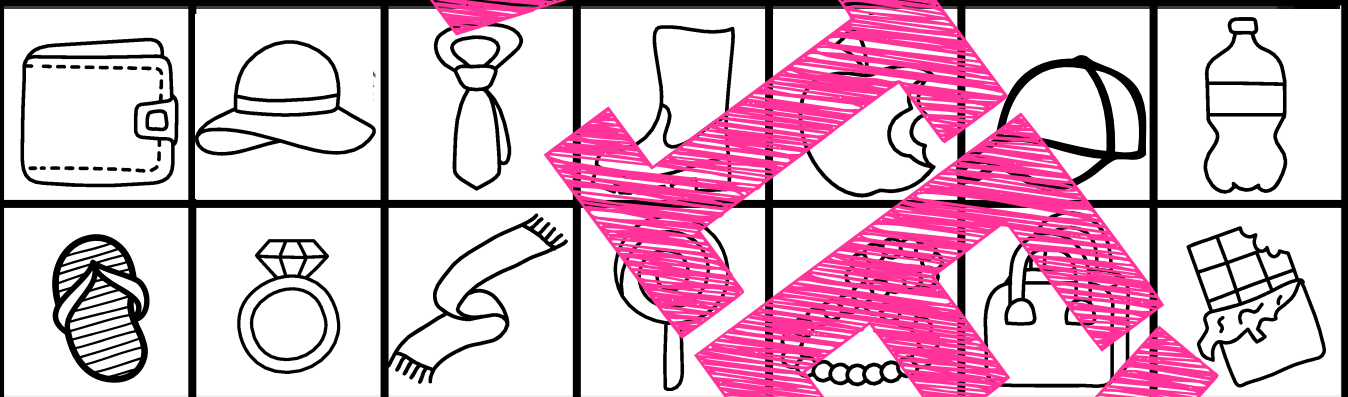
SUSPECT



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



TIME





EARN THIS!

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

threes	Great Britain	religious
fur	cold	farming
New Hampshire	fertile	country

A colony is a territory or place of land that is settled by groups of people but is governed by another _____. The United States of America started off as 13 original colonies ruled by _____ before becoming its own country.

The colonies brought people for different reasons, including _____ freedom, more money, and a fresh start. No matter the reason, more and more settlers went to America and the colonies were founded one by one.

The colonies were divided into _____ geographic regions: New England Colonies, the Middle Colonies, and the Southern Colonies. New England Colonies included Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and _____. Middle Colonies included Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Finally, Southern Colonies included Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

New England Colonies had a lot of mountains with trees, rivers, and drier soil with rocks that made it a poor choice for agriculture (_____). They had natural resources such as wood from the trees, and fish, they had to import food and farming products from other colonies. Their weather consisted of very _____ winters but that meant less disease. The north were all Puritans (Protestants, a type of religion) and had no religious freedom.

Middle Colonies were a mix of both north and south in terms of geography. They had mountains and rivers as well as hills and flatter lands. The Middle Colonies had good farmland and agricultural conditions like good weather, as well as natural resources such as wood, coal, _____, and iron. The Middle Colonies did not have a specific religion and instead welcomed religious freedom.

Southern Colonies had coastal plains, forests, and _____ soil. The south worked on large farming estates (land where crops were planted that grow cotton, tobacco, rice, sugar cane, and indigo (a dye). Much of the work here was done

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TASK 2: FIND & FIX



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Read the INCORRECT statements and FIX the underlined errors on the line below. Rewrite the sentence to make it a CORRECT statement.

1. The colonies were divided into five geographic regions.

6. Southern Colonies included Rhode Island and Connecticut.

2. The French and Indian War was fought against Germany.

7. Settlers landed in Jamestown in 1618.

3. Georgia was founded to protect South Carolina from invasion by Mexico.

8. New York was founded in 1607 by the Prince of Ellis.

4. Ohio was founded by Peter Minuit and the New Sweden Company.

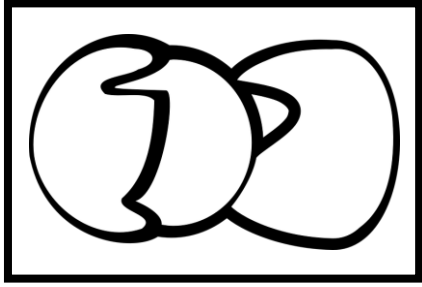
9. The queen granted Lord Baltimore the area of land known as Georgia.

5. The Middle Colonies included Maryland and Virginia.

10. The Carolinas were one colony until 1837.

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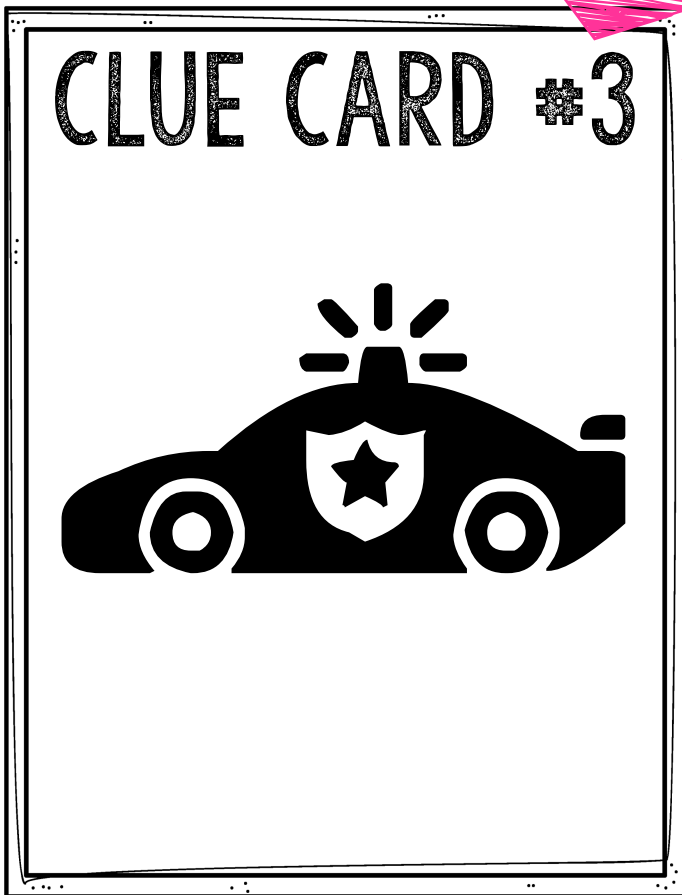
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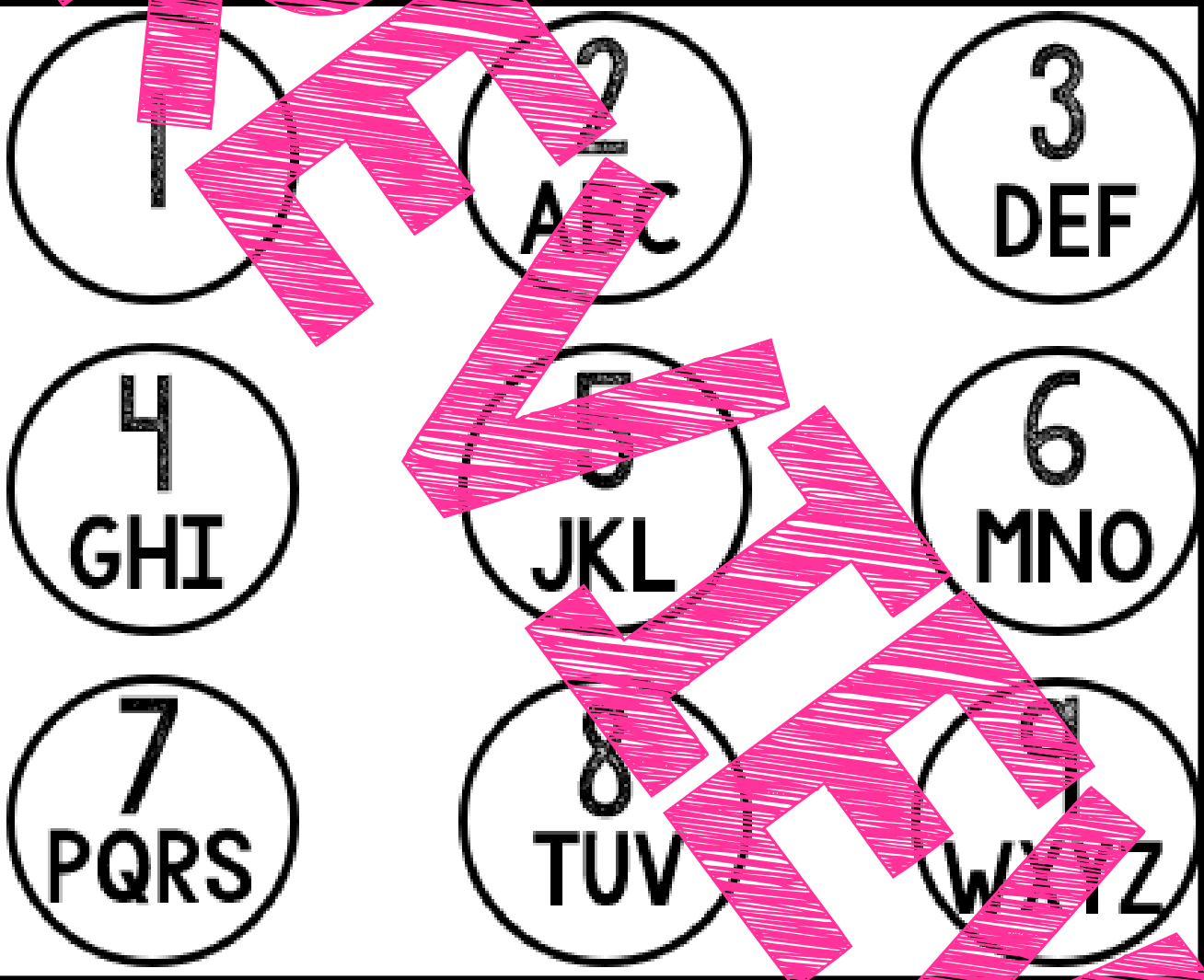
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ENVELOPE OR TABLE TENT LABELS

Stuff the corresponding clue cards in envelopes or pile them by "symbol" on the table.



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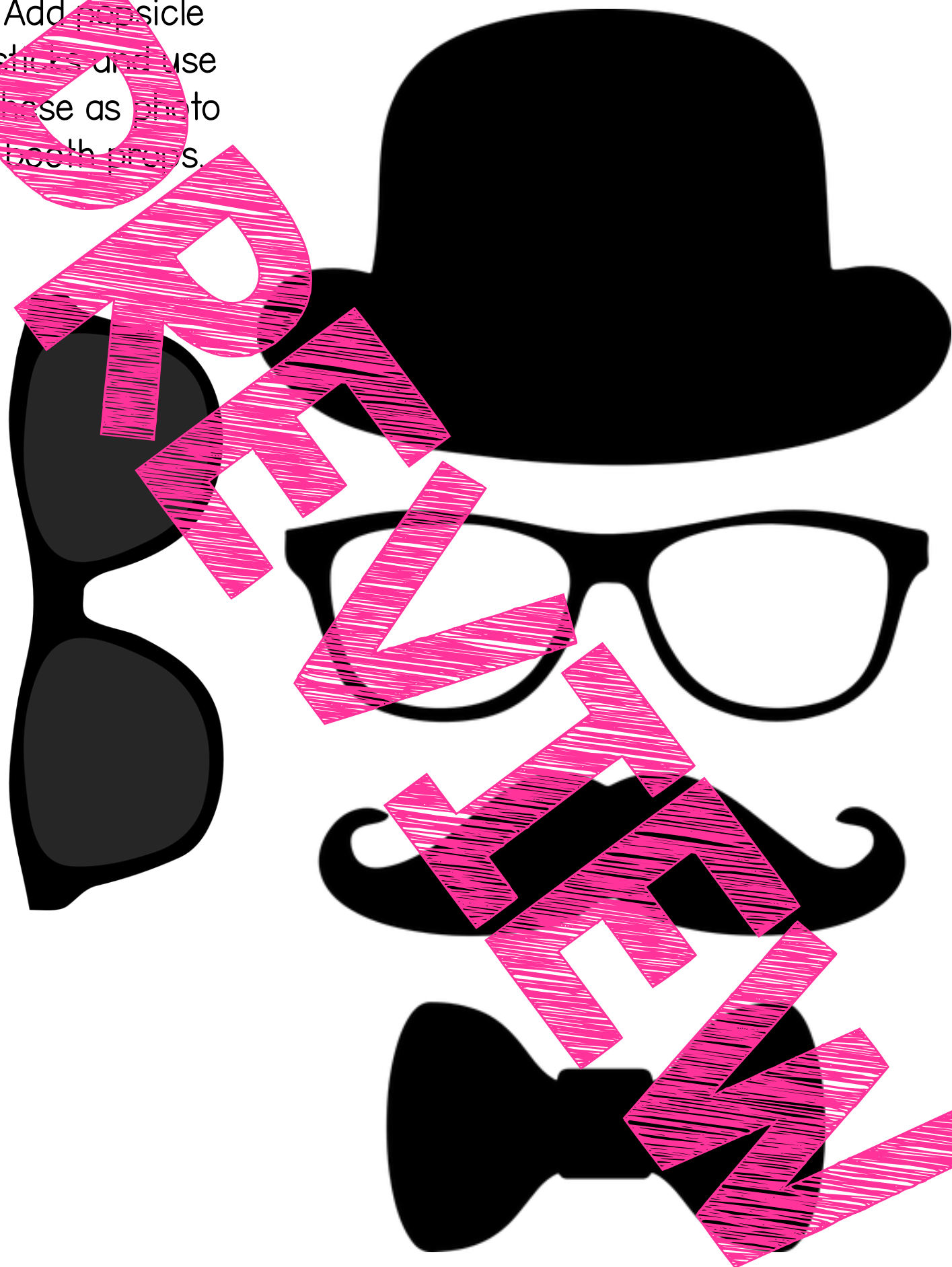
ACCESS CODE

WE CAN



TO ENTER

Add popsicle
sticks and use
these as photo
booth props.



SUSPECT #3

SUSPECT #6

SUSPECT #2

SUSPECT #5

SUSPECT #1

SUSPECT #4

190

180

170

160

150

140

Subject Caught!

I SOLVED THE CASE!



PRECINCT #5005



MUST SHOW BACK
UPON ENTRY



SPARK SOME

creativity

**ESCAPE
ROOMS**

**SCAVENGER
HUNTS**

**SPY
MYSTERY**

**TEXT
DETECTIVE**

**SECRET
MESSAGES**

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

**READING
CHALLENGE**

**INTERACTIVE
NOTEBOOK**

**DIGITAL
ESCAPES**

**DIGITAL
BOARD
GAME**

**COLOR BY
NUMBER**

**TASK
CARDS
GAME**

**GOOGLE
SLIDES**

**GOOGLE
FORMS**

**PUZZLE
STATIONS**

**BOOM
CARDS**

BLOG