

# CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH & KWANZAA

## CUBE CODE

**Worksheet 1: Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Hanukkah, what are the potato pancakes called?  
A. Latkes  
B. Borscht  
C. Matzo  
D. Kugel

2. The menorah symbolizes the Jewish revolt against which Syrian king?  
A. Seleucus IV Philopator  
B. Antiochus Epiphanes  
C. Demetrius I Soter  
D. Alexander I Balas

3. On the Hebrew calendar, which month is Kislev?  
A. 6th  
B. 7th  
C. 8th  
D. 9th

4. What principle of Kwanzaa represents responsibility?  
A. Nia  
B. Ujima  
C. Kuumba  
D. Imana

**Worksheet 2: Reading Passage and Questions**

The number of basic principles of Kwanzaa MINUS 5.

The FIRST number of the lock is the number of days Hanukkah lasts for MINUS 5.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of candles a menorah holds MINUS 2.

**Worksheet 3: Station 3**

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color or shade the coin that corresponds to the value. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. After you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. The code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

**Station 3 Questions:**

A. Hanukkah starts on the 25th day of Kislev.  
B. The Kwanzaa principle of Kujichagulia represents creativity.  
C. Christmas trees were first seen in France in the 12th Century.  
D. Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga.  
E. During Hanukkah, children are encouraged to study their Torah.

**Worksheet 4: Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa**

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is the annual Jewish celebration in honor of a victorious battle for religious freedom. The holiday commemorates the dedicating of the second temple in Jerusalem. The word Hanukkah means 'dedication'. The holiday lasts for eight days. Hanukkah starts on the 25th day of Kislev. Kislev is the ninth of the twelve months on the Hebrew calendar, usually in November and December.

Lighting of the menorah is the main tradition. A menorah is a special candelabrum that holds 9 candles. Each night of Hanukkah, a candle is placed in the menorah from right to left, and then lit from left to right. The center candle of the menorah is used to light the other eight candles. The candles on the candelabrum should not go out until the next night.

**Cube Code Activity**

4 DIGIT CODE:

Options: A (75), B (25), C (50), D (100), E (100), F (75), G (50), H (25), I (100)

**THINK TANK**

### STATION 1:

Use your reading passage or deductive reasoning skills to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph.

### STATION 2:

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Lastly, eliminate ANY answer where the answer was found in an ODD numbered paragraph, leaving only EVEN numbers as your final code (in the order of questions). Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all.

### STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color or shade the coin that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

### STATION 4:

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order.

### STATION 5:

Answer each multiple choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4 digit code. Answer options may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, simply put a zero in the box.

### STATION 6:

Reread the passage and write the main idea in your own words. Then, add TWO supporting details that back up your main idea or topic sentence.

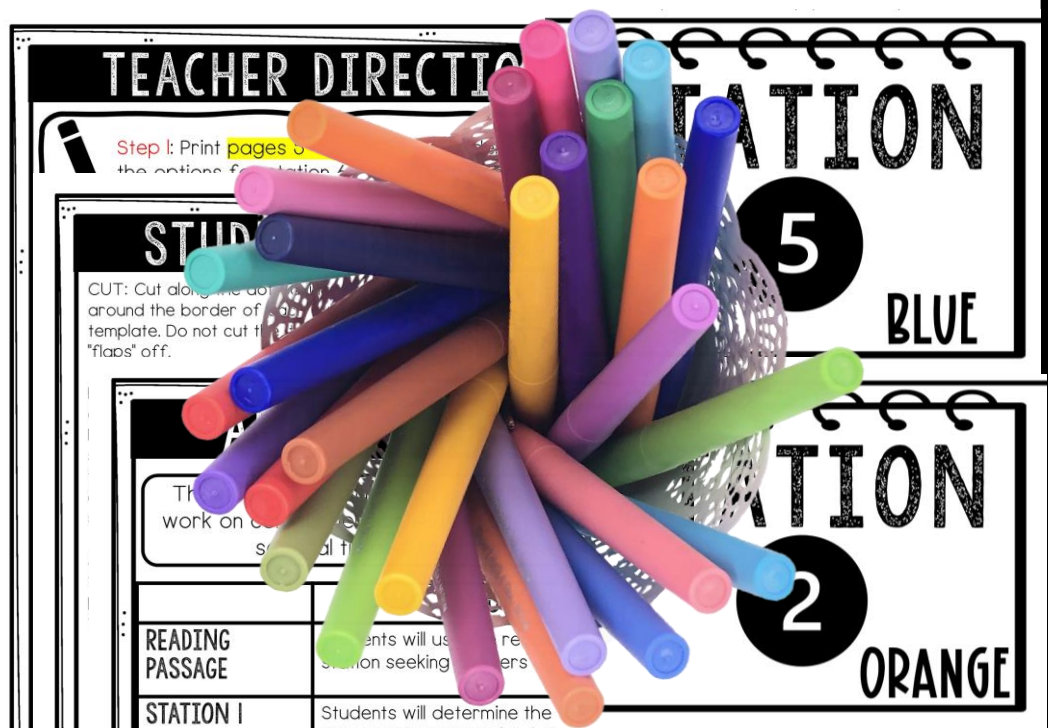
# STATION

# 1

# RED

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- READING PASSAGE
- 6 STATIONS
- TEACHER GUIDE
- STATION CARDS
- ANSWER KEY
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ALTERNATE STATION
- ASSEMBLY TIPS





# 6 STATIONS

## STATION 1:

Use your reading passage or deductive reasoning to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. The missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph.

1	karamu	4	green	7	kerala
2	peace	5	yellow	8	ninth
3	unity	6	blue	9	seven

The colors of Kwanzaa are red, \_\_\_\_\_, and black. Red symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_, black represents \_\_\_\_\_, and green represents \_\_\_\_\_.

Each day in a Kwanzaa candle house, a candle is placed in the center. The candles are lit on day one and green candles followed by red candles starting on the second day.

STATION

1

RED

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Reread the passage and write the main idea in your own words. Then, add TWO supporting details that back up your main idea or topic sentence.

MAIN IDEA

STATION

6



SUPPORTING DETAIL #2

## STATION 4:

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order.

The LAST number of the lock is the year evidence of a Christmas tree was found in a pamphlet MINUS 1565.

The SECOND number of the lock is

STATION

4

GREEN

4 DIGIT CODE

## STATION 5:

Answer each multiple choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4 digit code. Answer options may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in the box.

During Hanukkah, what are the traditional potato pancakes called?

- A. Sufganiyot
- B. Latkes
- C. Karamu
- D. None of the above

During Kwanzaa, what does the color green symbolize?

- A. Fertile land
- B. Struggles for freedom

Jingle Bell song for

- A. Thanks
- B. Halloween
- C. New Year
- D. Valentine's

What primary representation

- A. Nia
- B. Ujima
- C. Kuumba
- D. Imana

- A. 6th
- B. 7th
- C. 8th
- D. 9th

STATION

5

BLUE

A B C D

## STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If true, color or shade the coin that corresponds to the statement. If false, do not color or shade the coin. One coin has been colored to show the first box of the code.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- C. Christmas trees were first seen in the 12th century.
- D. Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Maulana Karenga.
- E. During Hanukkah, children are encouraged to study the Torah.
- F. During Kwanzaa, the black candle is lit on the first day.
- G. Silent Night was the first Christmas song played in space.
- H. During Hanukkah, people play a game where they spin a dreidel with Hebrew letters on all sides.

4 DIGIT CODE

## STATION 2:

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Lastly, eliminate ANY answer where the answer was found in an EVEN numbered paragraph, leaving only ODD numbers as your final answer. Paragraph

STATION

2

ORANGE

A. Mar

B. Kwa

C. cele

D. Each

E. The

F. The

G. The

H. Chri

I. know

J. know

K. know

L. know

M. know

N. know

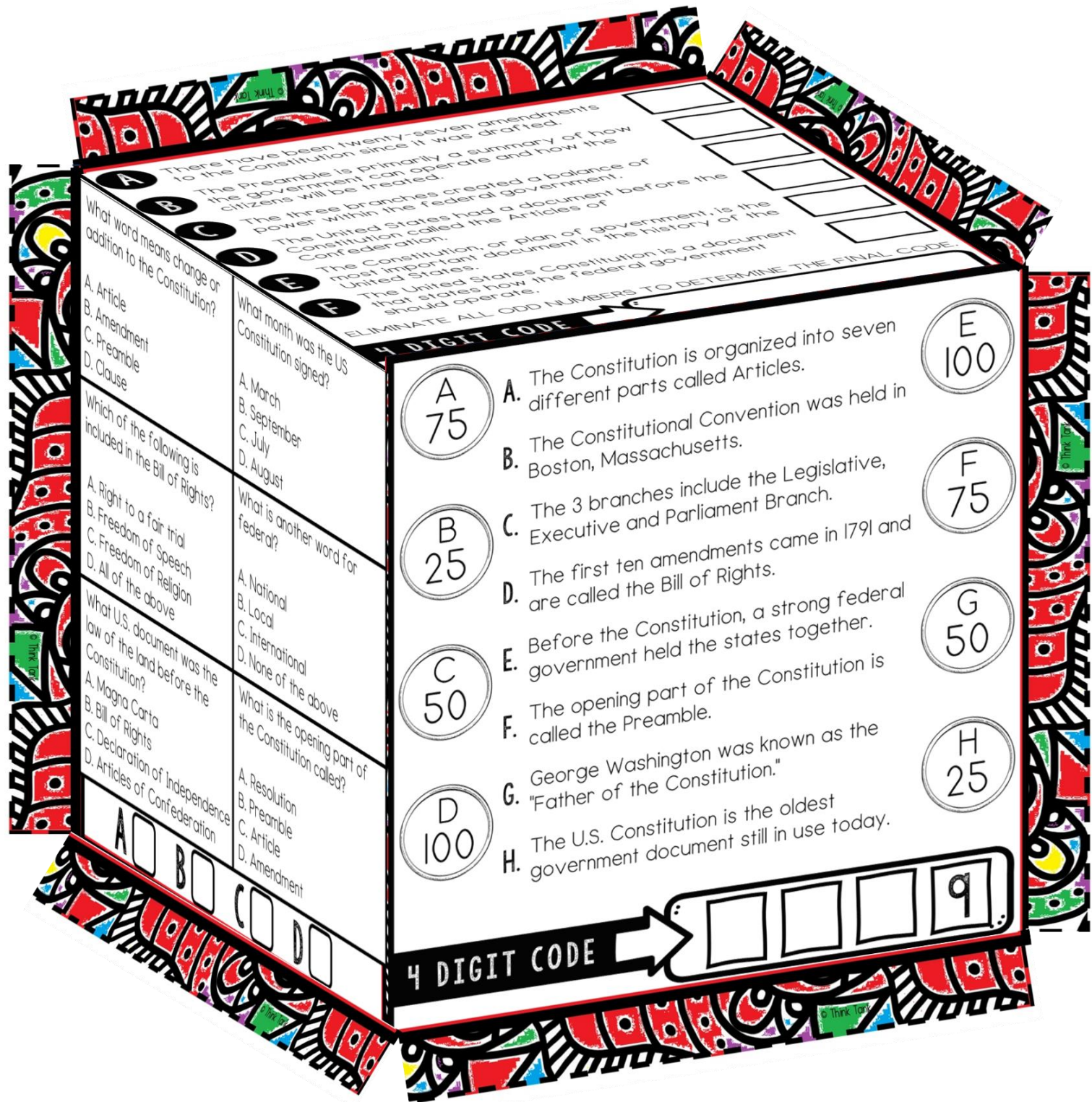
ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

4 DIGIT CODE

A B C D



# SAMPLE CUBE






# STATIONS

STATION 1	Students will determine the missing words in the paragraph to reveal a 4 digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs and browse the passage to determine where the answers can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating EVEN numbers, a 4 digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. They will then ADD all TRUE values to find the 4 digit code.
STATION 4	Students will do some basic math here, read the passage to find the answers and then determine the 4 digit code.
STATION 5	Students will answer 6 multiple choice questions which lead them to a 4 digit code based on the number of times they used each "answer".
STATION 6	Option 1: Main idea writing activity Option 2: Color and add topic
TEXT MARKING	OPTIONAL: A color code chart is included in case you want students to mark the text citing evidence of where they found their answers.

**STUDENTS WILL  
USE THE SAME  
READING  
PASSAGE AT  
EACH STATION  
SEEKING  
ANSWERS AND  
TEXT EVIDENCE.**



# HOW IT WORKS



## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.

2

Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their cube sheet before assembly. Students will revisit their reading passage at EACH station!

3

Students will reveal 4-digit codes to move on to the next station. When they finish all stations, they can color and assemble their cube.

**STATION**

Read each statement below and determine if the statement is true, color or shade the corresponding question. If the statement is false, cross it out. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE statements. A code has been provided for you. If the total is 75, the 7 in the first box, the 5 in the second box and so on.

**A**  
75

**B**  
25

**C**  
50

**D**  
100

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**F.** During Kwanzaa, the black candle is lit on the first day.

**G.** Silent Night was the first Christmas song played in space.

**H.** During Hanukkah, kids like to play a game where they spin a four-sided wheel with Hebrew letters on all sides.

**4 DIGIT CODE** →



# COMBINATION



**Each Cube Code is a winning combination of:**

- stations and movement
- close reading
- comprehension skills
- coloring and stress relief
- secret codes
- cut and paste
- citing evidence
- critical thinking

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



# BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

-  HANDS-ON
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

