

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.

TASK

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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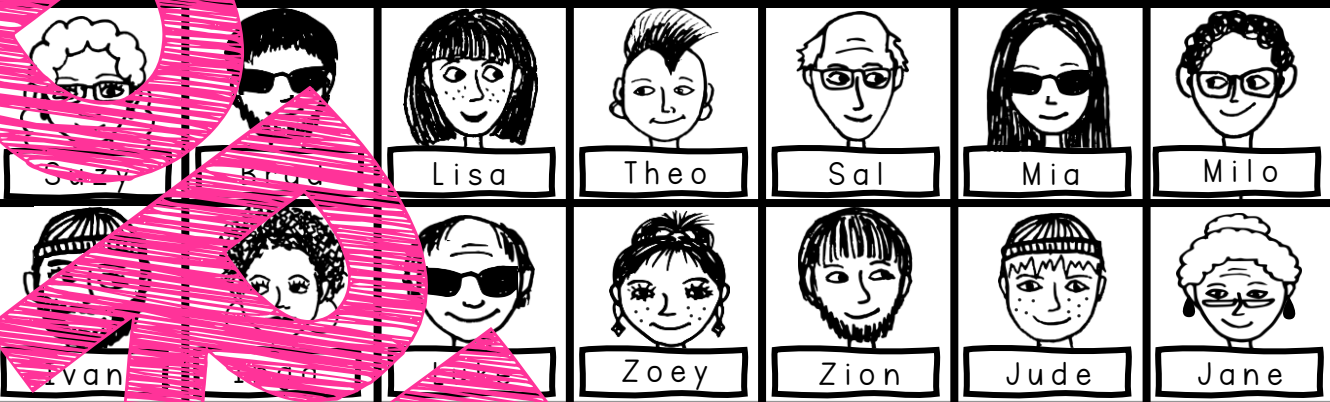
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CASE FILE DOSSIER

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

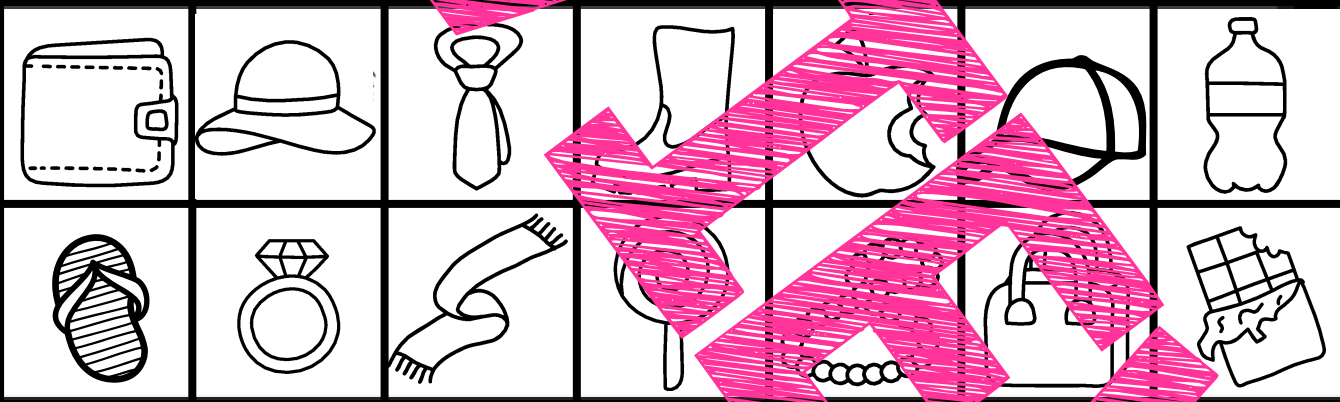
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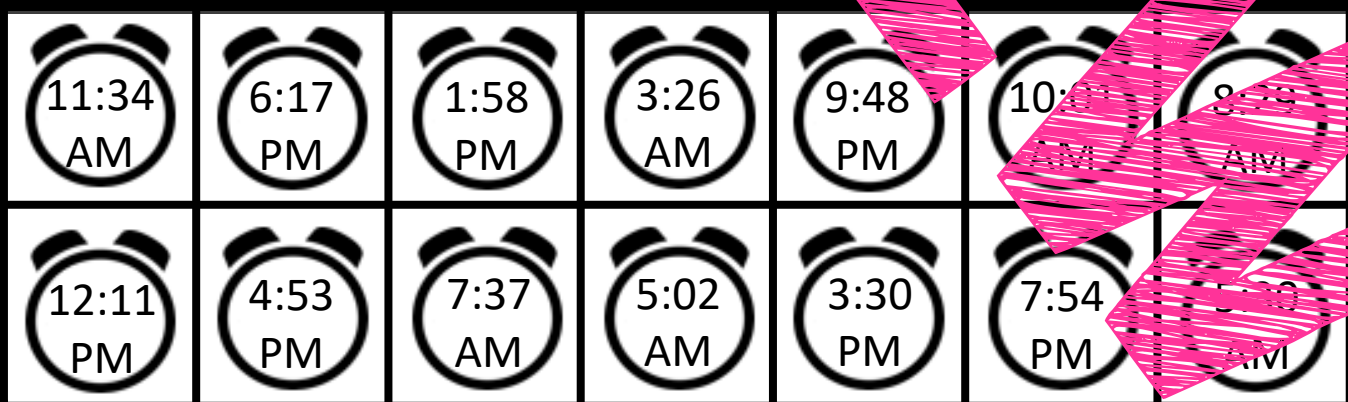
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EVIDENCE



TIME





EARN THIS!

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

unfair	1775	Thomas Jefferson
British	John Adams	why
five	Congress	New France

Before America became the country it is today, it was made up of 13 colonies (an area under control of another country) under _____ rule. Britain began taxing its colonies to pay for the French and Indian War, a war for control of America against _____. However, the colonists did not believe the taxes were fair since they had no say in British Parliament (government). In _____ the Revolutionary War began because the colonies did not want Britain to continue forcing these _____ laws and taxes on them. But as some time went on, they decided they no longer wanted to be under the British rule and the abusive government. The Declaration of Independence was written as the document that declared America's independence from Great Britain.

After being at war with Britain for about a year, the Second Continental _____ (a meeting of representatives from each of the 13 colonies) decided to declare independence from the country of Britain. They did not want to be controlled by them or have to follow their laws and would fight Great Britain to become their own country.

On June 11, 1776, the Committee of _____ was formed by the Continental Congress (the first government of the United States created to make decisions on behalf of the colonies). This committee was created to write a document to explain _____ the colonies were declaring their independence. The five chosen people were Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania, _____ from Massachusetts, Thomas Jefferson from Virginia, Robert Livingston from New York, and Roger Sherman from Connecticut. _____ was chosen to write the first draft of the document. After a few weeks and some changes made to it by the committee, the draft was presented to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776.

Name: ..

TASK 2: FIND & FIX



EARN THIS!

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

1. The colonists sent a copy of the Declaration to King James II.

6. The British government is known as the Grand Senate.

2. Roger Sherman was chosen to write the first draft of the document.

7. There are 34 grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence.

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

8. Part I of the Declaration is called the Resolution.

4. Robert Livingston represented New Jersey.

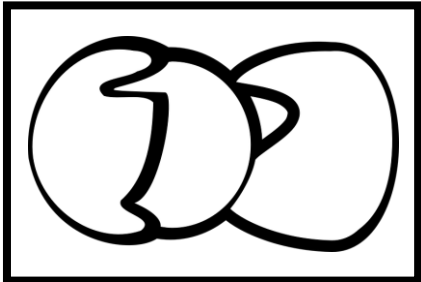
9. The Declaration of Independence consists of six parts.

5. 87 members of the Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.

10. The DCI declared America's independence from France.

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LEAD DETECTIVE



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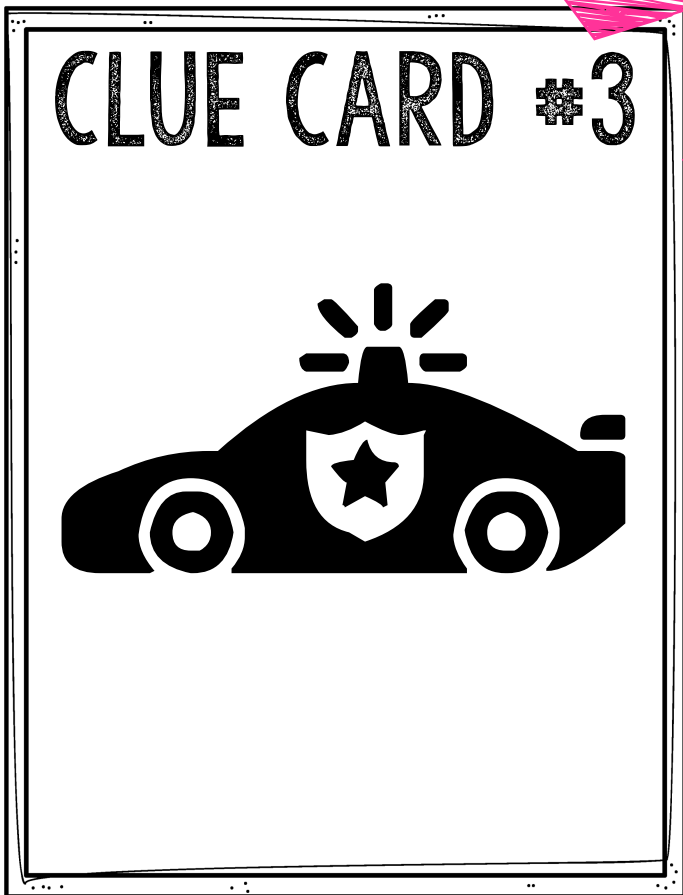
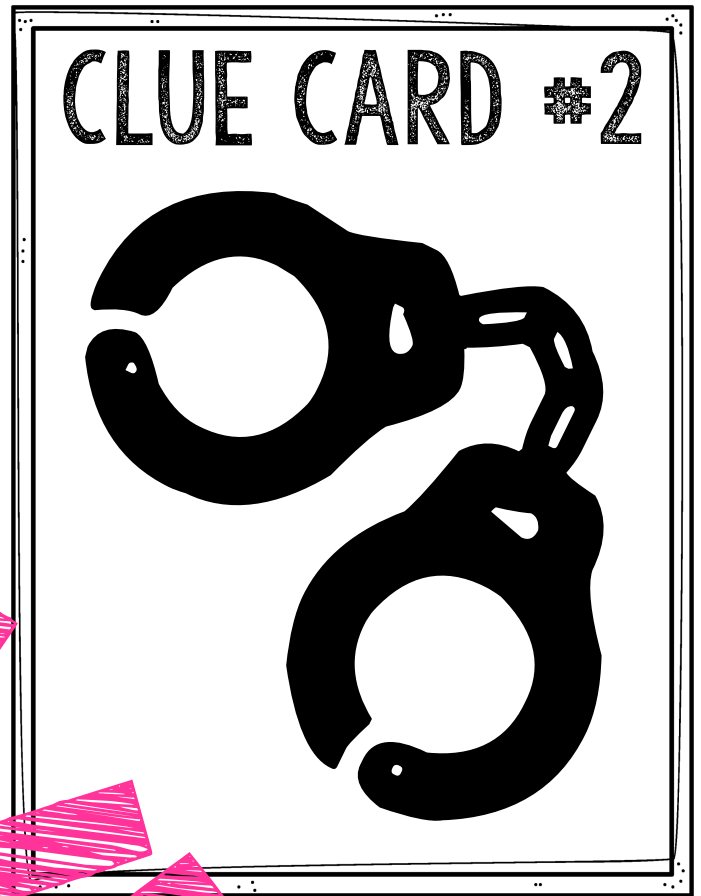
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PRECINCT 5005

ENVELOPE OR TABLE TENT LABELS

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



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1	2 ABC	3 DEF
4 GHI	5 JKL	6 MNO
7 PQRS	8 TUV	9 WXYZ

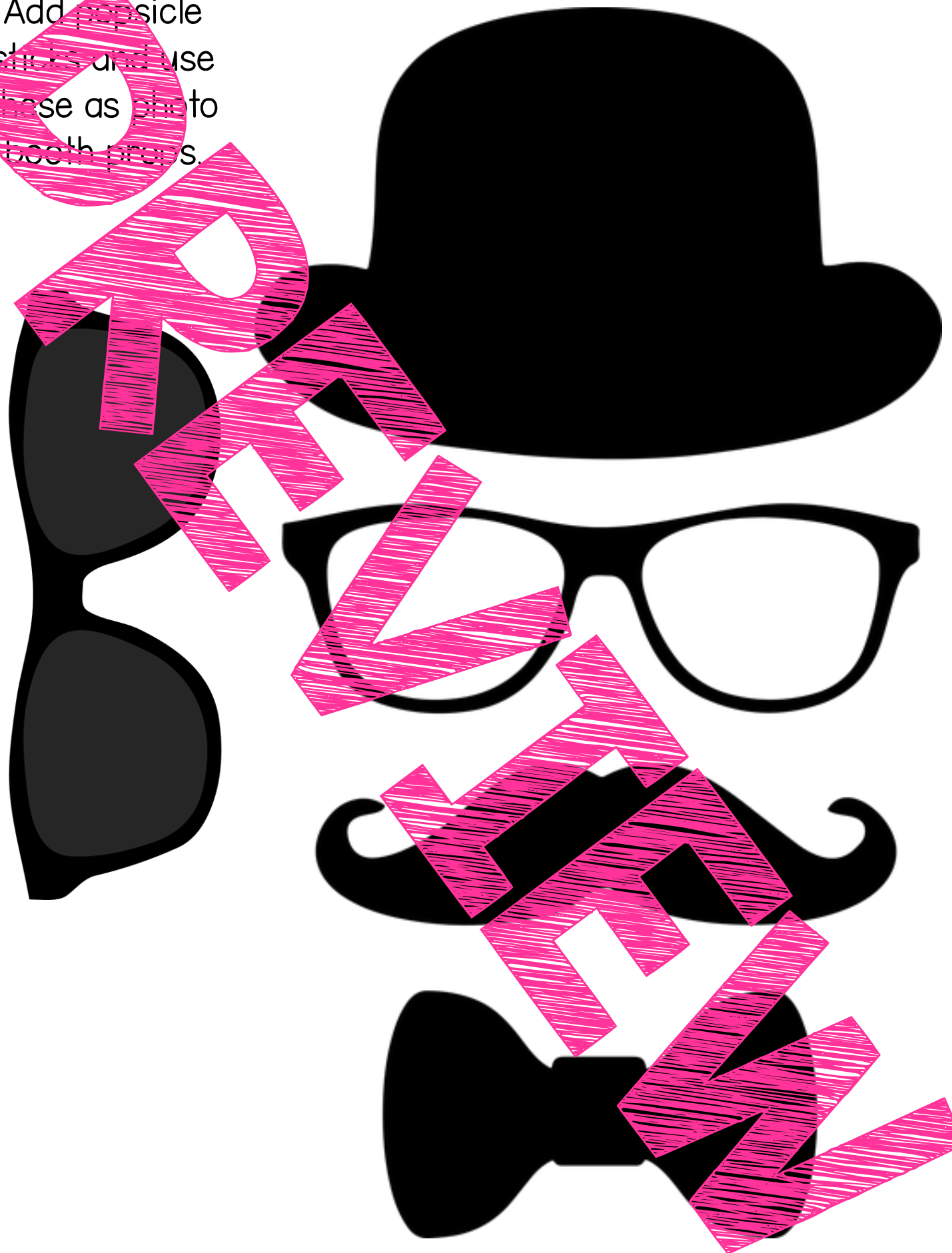
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TO ENTER

Add popsicle sticks and use these as photo booth props.



SUSPECT #3

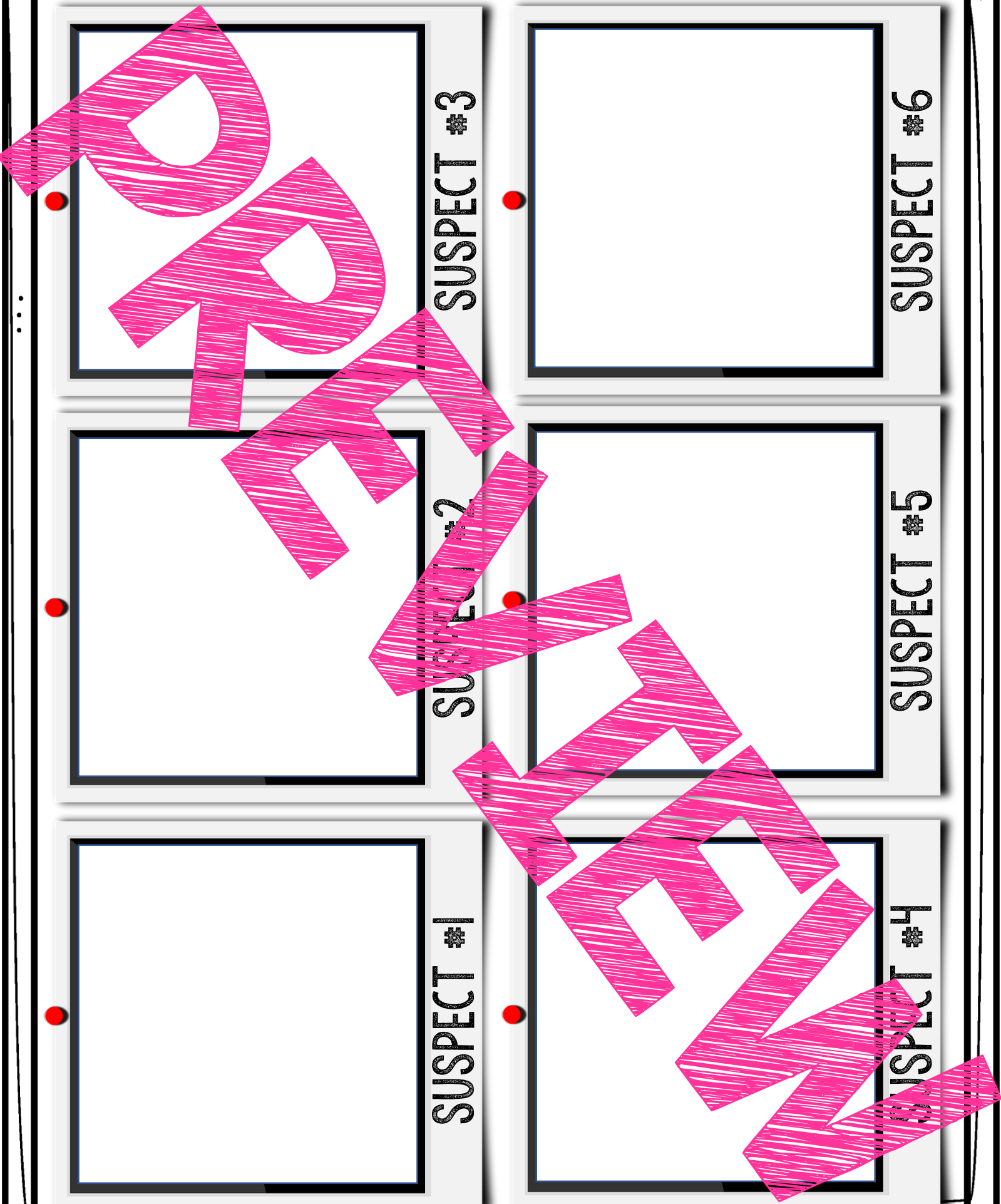
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SUSPECT #4



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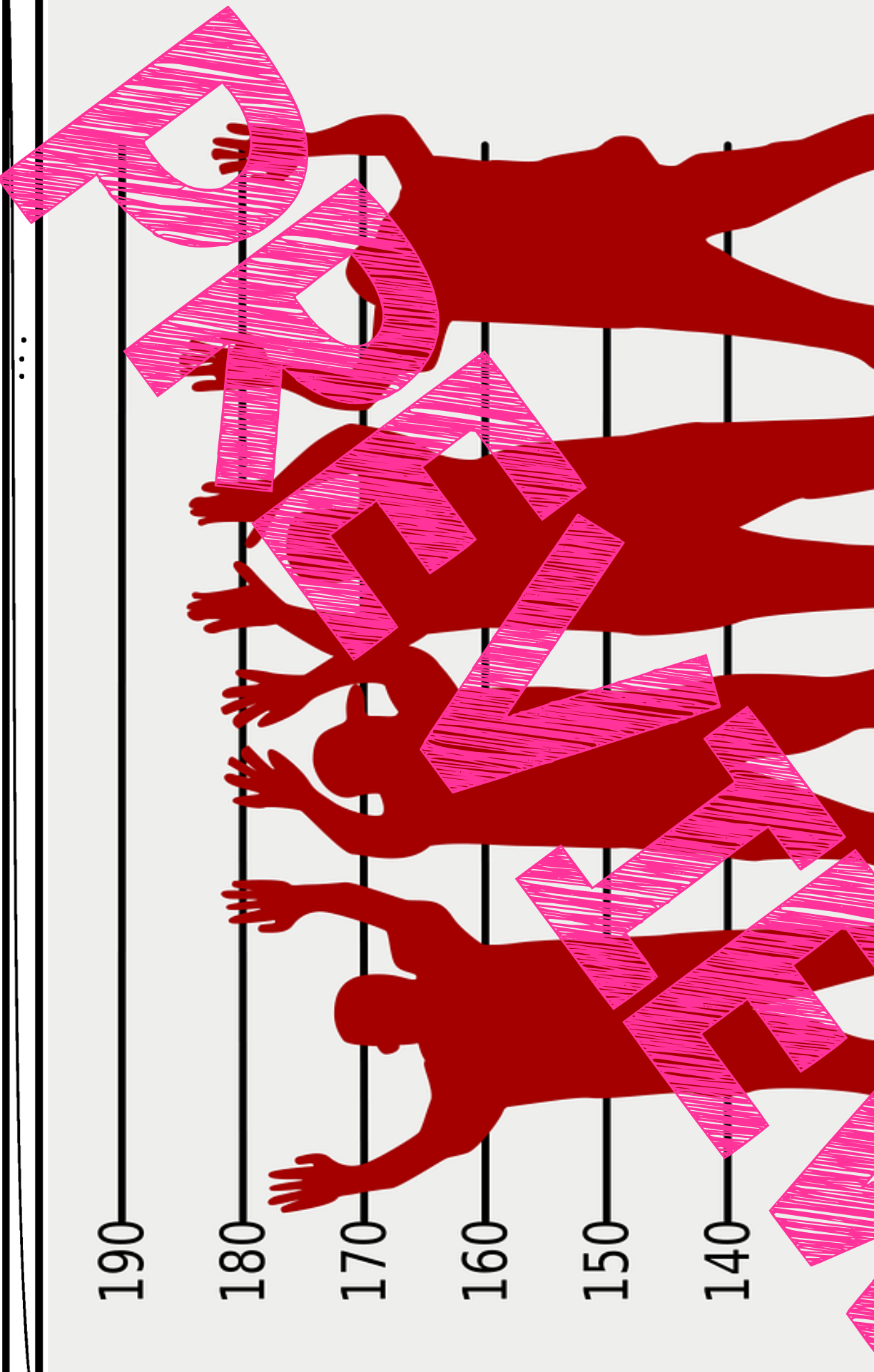
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PROJECT CAUGHT!

I SOLVED THE CASE!



PRECINCT #5005

OFFICER



POLICE

MUST SHOW BAGGAGE
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