

ANCIENT INDIA

CUBE CODE

What country is to the west of India?

A. Freedom
B. Enlightenment
C. Inward view of self
D. All of the above

Ancient mythology tells us that the first ruler of the continent was who?

A. Lothal
B. Bharata
C. Mohenjo-Daro
D. Harappa

Hinduism worships one main god and promotes how many life goals?

A. 3
B. 5
C. 7
D. 9

What was an advancement of the Ancient Indian civilization?

A. Calculation of pi
B. Yoga
C. Sanskrit
D. All of the above

The year Harappa, Mohenjo-Daro, Mehrgarh and Lothal were developed MINUS 2499.

The FIRST number of the lock is the year the Gupta dynasty began MINUS 310.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of Noble Truths of Buddhist principles MINUS 2.

4	Golden	7	five
5	Harappan	8	three
6	Mughal	9	nobility

seven

The Gupta dynasty was known as the ____ Age of India. Lasting from 320 AD to 550 AD, the Gupta dynasty was known for its developments in science, art, and culture. The Gupta dynasty ruled 331 years.

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 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 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. A final 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.

- A** Ancient mythology tells us that the first ruler of the continent was a man named Bharata.
 - B** Karma is the idea that people can direct what happens to their souls in the future.
 - C** Ancient Indian cotton.
 - D** The Gujjar Age of India.
 - E** Ancient Indian Civilization Valley.
 - F** The natural neighbor of India.
- ELIMINATE

ANCIENT INDIA

In Southern Asia, the country of India can be found. It is named after the Indus River and has been inhabited by people for over 250,000 years. This makes the area one of the oldest places to be inhabited by humans.

Archaeological evidence shows stone tools and civilizations as old as any found throughout the world. Ancient Indian civilization made remarkable advancements including Sanskrit (one of the world's oldest languages), the calculation of pi, yoga, and chess.

The Himalayan Mountain Range provides a natural boundary between India and its neighbor to the northeast, China. Currently, the country Pakistan is India's neighbor to the west, and the countries of Bangladesh and Myanmar are to the east.

- A** 75 A. The Gupta dynasty was known for their developments in science, art, and culture.
- B** 25 B. Sikh means 'learner.'
- C** 50 C. Ancient India is also known as the Olmec Civilization.
- D** 100 D. People who practice Jainism believe in Karma.
- E** 75 E. The Pyrenees Mountains provide a natural boundary between India and its neighbor.
- F** 50 F. Siddhartha Gautama is a well-known religion founded in Eastern Asia, the country of India.
- G** 25 G. Siddhartha Gautama was the founder or start date of Buddhism. His followers say it had been founded in India.

4 DIGIT CODE →

9

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.

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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.

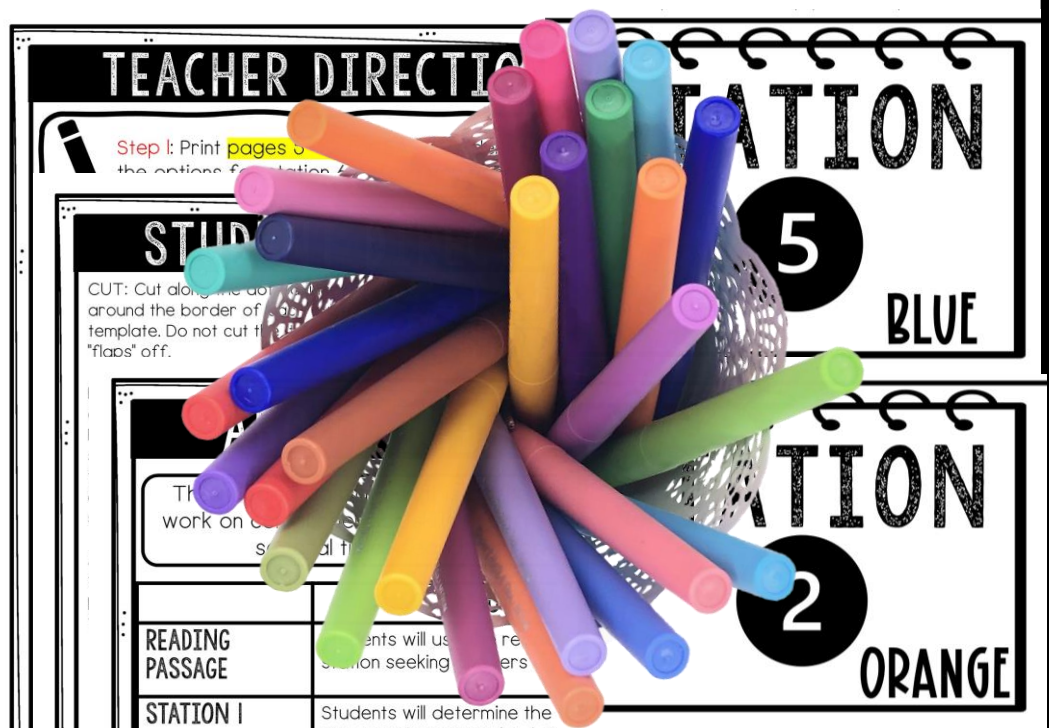
STATION

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	love	4	Golden	7	five
2	Harappan	5	Bronze	8	three
3	Mughal	6	seven	9	nobility

The Gupta dynasty was known as the ____ Age of India. It was a time of great scientific, artistic, and cultural achievement. The Gupta dynasty was known for its advanced mathematics, art, and culture. The Gupta dynasty ruled 330-550 AD. The Gupta dynasty was known for its advanced mathematics, art, and culture. The Gupta dynasty ruled 330-550 AD. The Gupta dynasty was known for its advanced mathematics, art, and culture. The Gupta dynasty ruled 330-550 AD.

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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 number of years the Mughal Empire ruled for MINUS 325.

The SECOND number of the lock is the number of years the Gupta Empire ruled for MINUS 330.

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.

Currently, what country borders India to the west? What does the Moksha encourage?

- A. Bangladesh
B. Pakistan
C. Myanmar
D. None of the above
- A. Freedom
B. Enlightenment
C. Karma
D. None of the above

Buddhist teachings were spread by the Buddha, which led to the development of the religion.

- A. Valhalla
B. Nirvana
C. Utopia
D. None of the above

What was the primary goal of the Gupta dynasty?

- A. Calculation of pi
B. Yoga
C. Sanskrit
D. All of the above
- A. 3
B. 5
C. 7
D. 9

STATION

5

BLUE

A B C D

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 statement. If the statement is false, do not color or shade the coin. One coin has been colored to show the first coin that was colored.

A
75

B
25

C
50

D
100

STATION

3

YELLOW

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. The final answer is the Paragraph Number.

STATION

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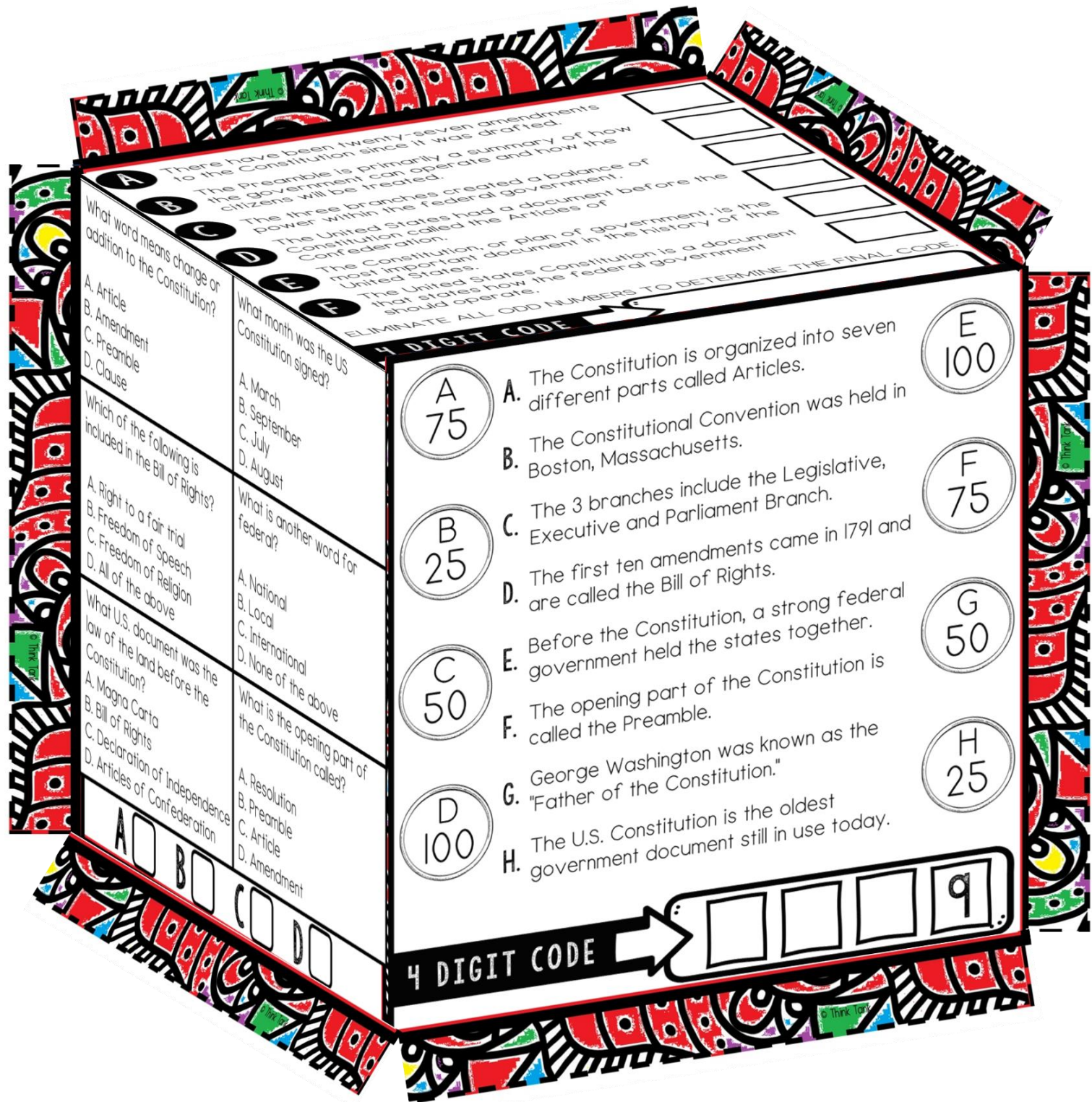
ORANGE

ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

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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!

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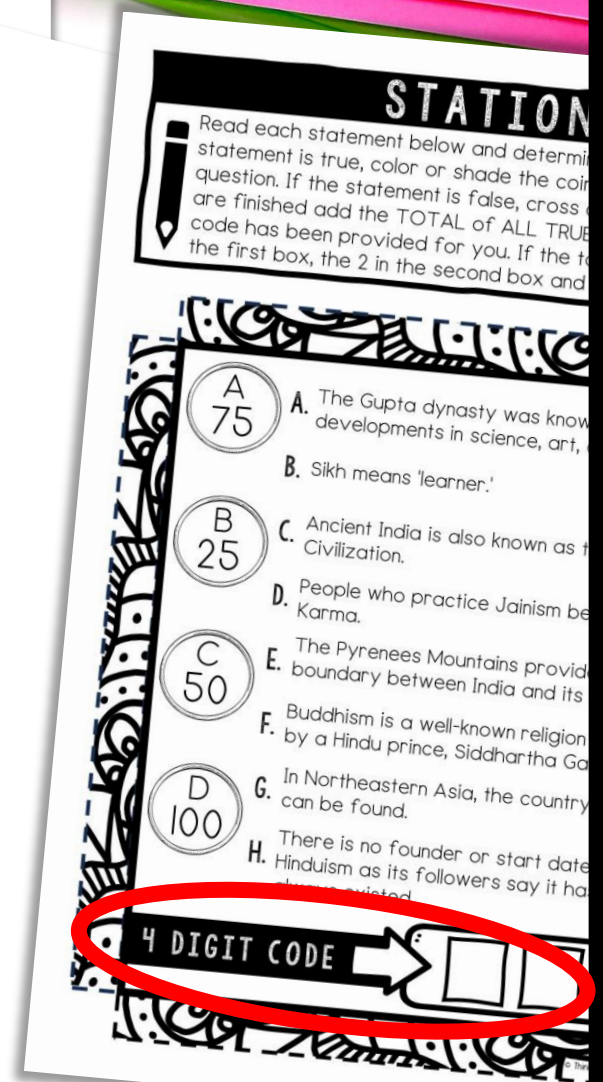
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.

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, write the 2 in the first box, the 5 in the second box and the 0 in the third box.

A
75

B
25

C
50

D
100

A. The Gupta dynasty was known for its developments in science, art, and architecture.

B. Sikh means 'learner.'

C. Ancient India is also known as the Indus Valley Civilization.

D. People who practice Jainism believe in Karma.

E. The Pyrenees Mountains provide a natural boundary between India and its neighbors.

F. Buddhism is a well-known religion that was founded by a Hindu prince, Siddhartha Gautama.

G. In Northeastern Asia, the country of Korea can be found.

H. There is no founder or start date for Hinduism as its followers say it has always existed.

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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

