

DAY OF THE DEAD

CUBE 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 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 question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When 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.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is an important holiday in Mexico. It is believed to be a time when the path between the spirit world and earth is open. Loved ones who have passed away come back to earth to reunite with their families in spirit. The holiday is a joyful time that celebrates the memory of their departed loved ones as a natural part of life. It is important to understand that the Day of the Dead is not Mexico's Halloween.
Día de los Muertos is celebrated over two days, November 1st and November 2nd. November 1st is dedicated to the souls of children who have passed away, while November 2nd is for adults. The celebration...

THINK TANK

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.

STATION

1

RED

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

6

SUPPORTING DETAIL #1



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 the Catrina was

STATION

4

GREEN

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.

STATION

5

BLUE

How are the calavera often seen?

- A. Happy
- B. Colorful
- C. Smiling
- D. All of the above

What is usually decorated with powdered sugar and topped with powdered sugar?

- A. Pan de muerto

What are the colors of the Dia de los Muertos?

- A. Sepia
- B. Orange
- C. Navy
- D. Deep red

What are the colors of the sun and moon?

- A. Succulents
- B. Roses
- C. Daisies
- D. Marigolds

- A. Hernando Cortes
- B. Francisco Pizarro
- C. Ponce de Leon
- D. None of the above

A B C D

STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. Write the number of the statement that is false in the box. If all statements are true, write 0.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- C. At the graveyard, families eat, sing, listen to music, and dance.
- D. One extremely popular symbol of the holiday is marigolds, calacas.
- E. The sugar skull is also a particularly important symbol of Dia de los Muertos.
- F. The Day of the Dead is not Mexican.
- G. Tamales is a traditional food with beans, corn, garlic, onion, herbs, and pork.
- H. Monarch butterflies are believed to be the spirits of the departed.

4 DIGIT CODE



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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 not found in the paragraph. Only ONE number should be left. Write the number in the box.

STATION

2

ORANGE

On November 2nd, families gather their food and head to the graveyard.

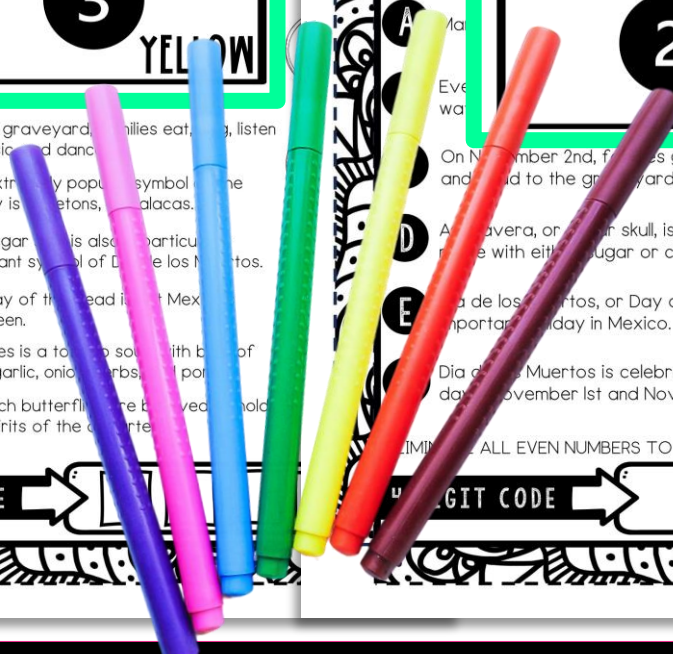
A calavera, or sugar skull, is a decorated skull made with either sugar or clay.

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is an important holiday in Mexico.

Dia de los Muertos is celebrated over two days, November 1st and November 2nd.

ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

4 DIGIT CODE



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

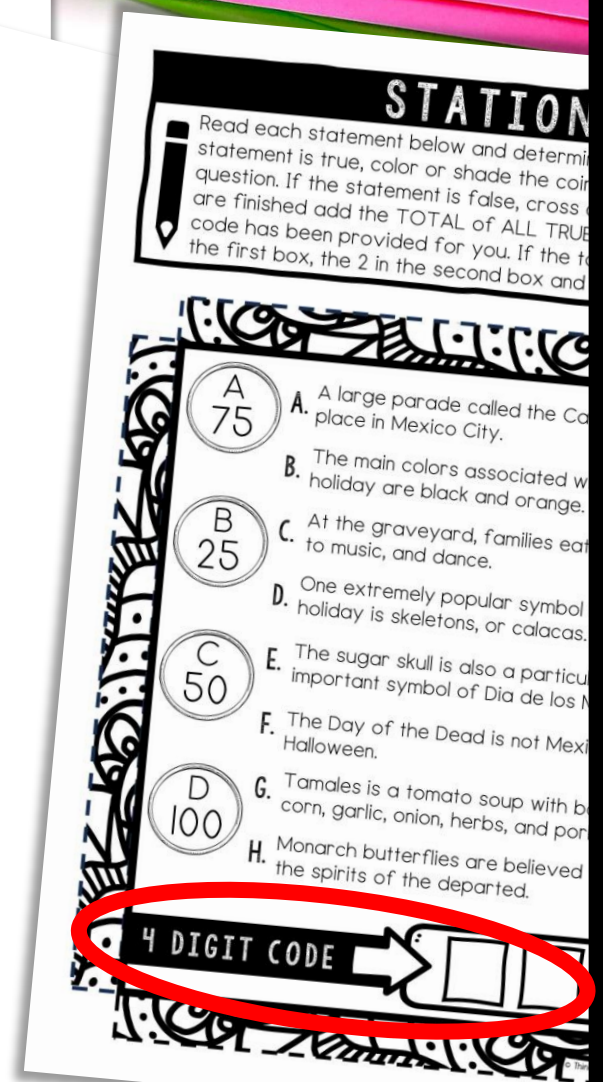
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.

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

A. A large parade called the Coahuila parade takes place in Mexico City.

B 25

B. The main colors associated with the Day of the Dead holiday are black and orange.

C 50

C. At the graveyard, families eat tamales to music, and dance.

D 100

D. One extremely popular symbol of the Day of the Dead holiday is skeletons, or calacas.

E

E. The sugar skull is also a particularly important symbol of Dia de los Muertos.

F

F. The Day of the Dead is not Mexican. It is Halloween.

G

G. Tamales is a tomato soup with beans, corn, garlic, onion, herbs, and pork.

H

H. Monarch butterflies are believed to be the spirits of the departed.

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

