

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

CUBE CODE

Shakespeare's longest play, how many lines did Hamlet have?

A. 4,000
B. 5,000
C. 6,000
D. 7,000

Shakespeare's troupe was named when who took over?

A. King James I
B. King John I
C. King George I
D. King Andrew I

Which of the following was not written by Shakespeare?

A. The Tempest
B. Macbeth
C. King Lear
D. The Story of a Nobody

Shakespeare wrote _____ comedies.

A. Comedy
B. Romance
C. Tragedy
D. All of the above

When did Shakespeare write "A Midsummer Night's Dream"?

A. Between 1594 and 1596
B. Between 1588 and 1590
C. Between 1584 and 1586
D. Between 1578 and 1580

What is the Bubonic Plague also known as?

A. Yellow Fever
B. Black Death
C. Pneumonia
D. None of the above

A B C

The number of plays Shakespeare wrote MINUS 32.

The FIRST number of the lock is the age of Shakespeare when he married Anne Hathaway MINUS 10.

The THIRD number of the lock is the day in April that Shakespeare was born MINUS 20.

4	1622	7	wonder
5	lost	8	Mary
6	Judith	9	1592

Shakespeare married at the age of 18. His wife was _____ years older than him when they were married. How many years after their marriage in _____ did they have their son Hamlet?

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 statement. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. After you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. 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 There are no records of his life until the age of 18.

B His longest play with over 4,000 lines was Hamlet.

C At the time of his death, Shakespeare was _____ years old.

D Also known as the Bard of Avon, Shakespeare was born in _____.

E He lived in _____.

F He was _____ years old when he died.

ELIMINATE

A. Shakespeare's most famous poem was King Lear.

B. By the age of 28, William Shakespeare had begun his career in theater.

C. Shakespeare covered lots of genres of plays with his work.

D. The word "bard" simply means poet.

E. The Globe displayed different colored flags to indicate what type of play could be performed there.

F. Shakespeare's most reproduced play was Hamlet.

G. Shakespeare was born as the sixth child to an upper-class family.

H. Shakespeare's twins were named _____.

A 75
B 25
C 50
E 100
F 75
G 50

4-DIGIT CODE

A. The Constitution is organized into seven different parts called Articles.

B. The Constitutional Convention was held in Boston, Massachusetts.

C. The 3 branches include the Legislative, Executive and Parliament Branch.

D. The first ten amendments came in 1791 and are called the Bill of Rights.

E. Before the Constitution, a strong federal government held the states together.

F. The opening part of the Constitution is called the Preamble.

G. George Washington was known as the "Father of the Constitution."

H. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest government document still in use today.

A B C D E F G H

4 DIGIT CODE

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

In the month of April, celebrated on the 23rd, in the year 1564, William Shakespeare was likely born. Known as the Bard of Avon and the National Poet of England, Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, about 100 miles northwest of London, England. He wrote poems, stories, and plays during his 52-year lifetime. To date, the playwright has had more works intended for theatrical performance than any other.

Shakespeare was born as the third child of eight into a low-middle class family during the Tudor period. His father John had many different occupations including farming, wood trading, and leather tanning. William's mother Mary was of a higher social class as the daughter of a landowner.

Not much is known about William's early life.



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.

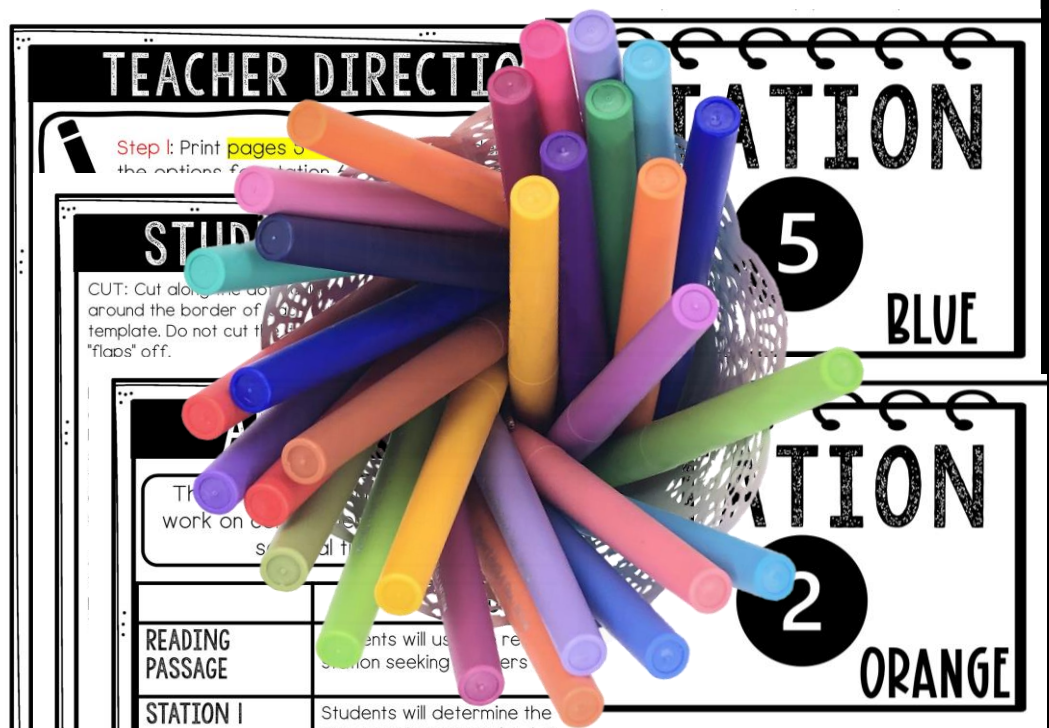
STATION

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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	priest	4	1622	7	wonder
2	Anne	5	lost	8	Mary
3	teacher	6	Judith	9	1592

Shakespeare married at the age of 18. His wife was _____ years older than he. Their marriage in 1582, a decade later, a _____ Two years later, a _____ When _____ there are no more records _____ Shakespeare may have been _____ twins until _____ Shakespeare was working as a _____, others say he was traveling the world acquiring knowledge, still others say that he

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MAIN IDEA

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SUPPORTING DETAIL #2

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The LAST number of the lock is the year Shakespeare retired MINUS 1610.

The SECOND number of the lock is

STATION

4

GREEN

4 DIGIT CODE

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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.

As Shakespeare's longest play, how many lines did Hamlet have?

- A. Over 4,000
- B. Over 5,000
- C. Over 6,000
- D. Over 7,000

What genre was covered in Shakespeare's work?

- A. Comedy
- B. Romance

Shakespeare renamed _____

- A. King James
- B. King James
- C. King George
- D. King Arthur

Which of the following was written by _____?

- A. The Tempest
- B. Macbeth
- C. King Lear
- D. The Story of a Nobody

- A. Yellow Fever
- B. Black Death
- C. Pneumonia
- D. None of the above

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 question. If the statement is false, do not color or shade it. Once you are finished, count the number of shaded coins. The 4-digit code has been hidden in the paper. Share it with a friend!

STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- C. Shakespeare covered lots of genres of plays with his work.
- D. The word "and" simply means plus.
- E. The Globe played different colored flags to indicate what time of play could be seen.
- F. Shakespeare's most reproduced play today is Hamlet.
- G. Shakespeare was born to the sixth child of eight into an upper-class family.
- H. Shakespeare's two wives were named Anne and Judith.

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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 4-digit code is the sum of the Paragraph numbers.

STATION

2

ORANGE

A The _____ of _____

His _____ Har _____

At the time, women were not allowed to act.

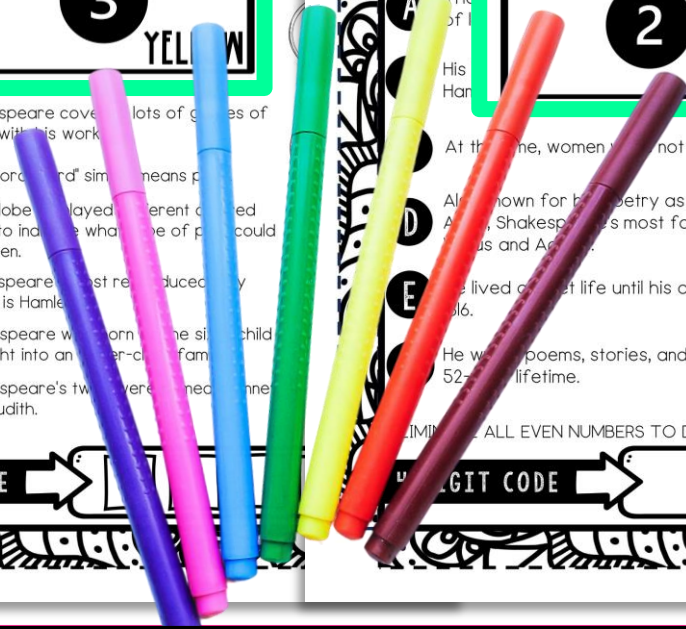
Also known for his poetry as the Bard of _____, Shakespeare's most famous poem was _____ and _____.

_____ lived a quiet life until his death on April 23, 1616.

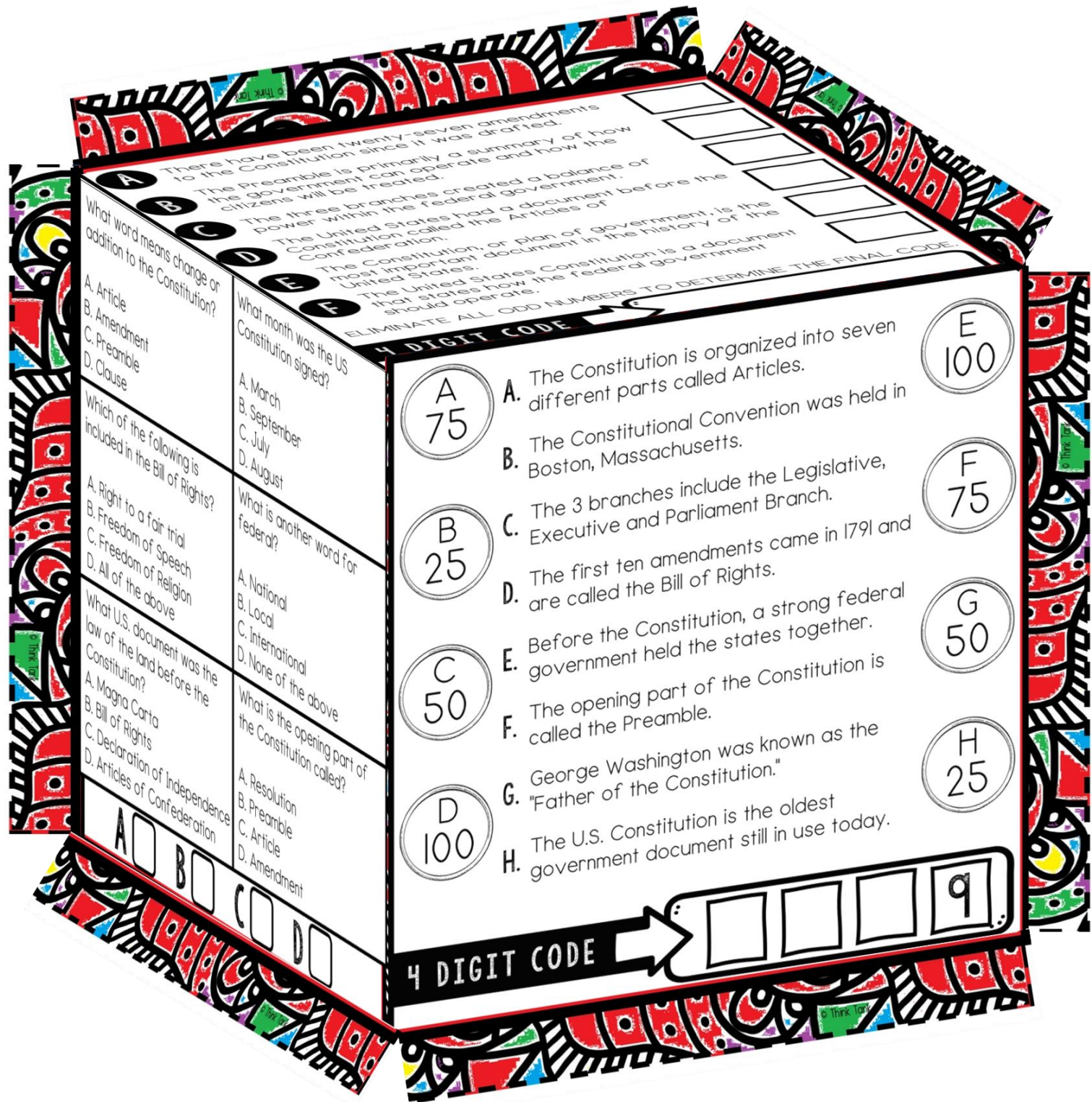
He wrote poems, stories, and plays during his 52-year lifetime.

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 4-digit code has been provided for you. If the code is 1234, the 1 in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

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B. By the age of 28, William Shakespeare had begun his career in theater.

C. Shakespeare covered lots of ground in his plays with his work.

D. The word "bard" simply means poet.

E. The Globe displayed different colored flags to indicate what type of play was to be seen.

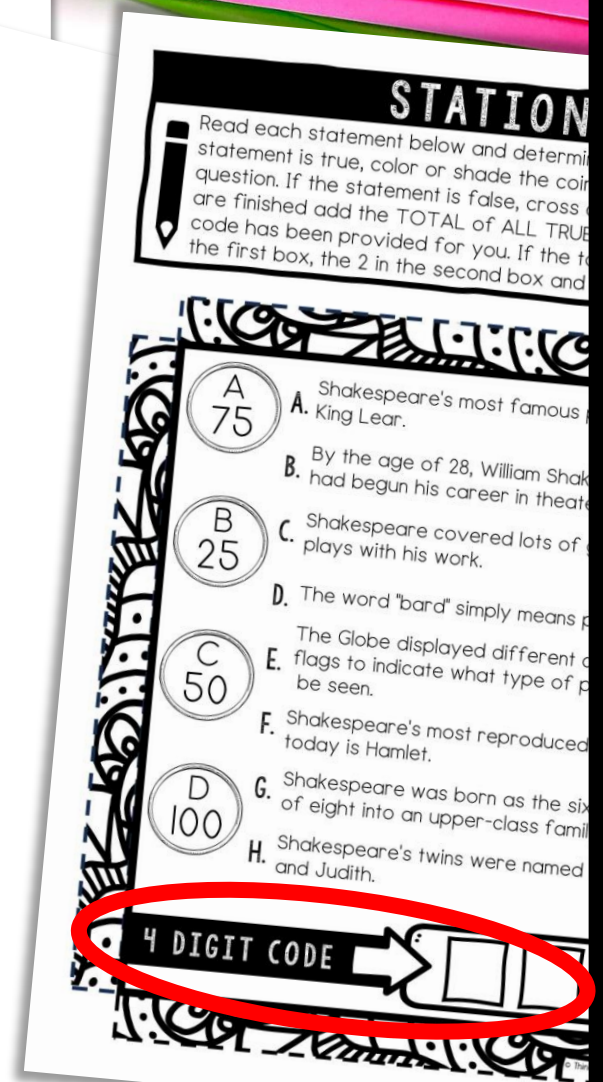
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75
25
50
100



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

