

NATIONAL PARKS

ESCAPE ROOM

NATIONAL PARKS
Created in the United States to protect the wilderness, landscape, and natural resources, they are pieces of land set aside by the US government. Originally, they are meant as a public place where people can enjoy the environment. It is meant as a public place where people can enjoy the environment without modern developments.
National parks began in 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Antiquities Act. This act was established to protect northern California land. The first national park was established in three states: 96% in Wyoming, 2% in Idaho, and 2% in Montana. President Ulysses S. Grant designated Yellowstone as the first national park in 1872, providing the area protection under federal law. Yellowstone covers 2.2 million acres and is home to geothermal activities like geysers. Active geysers are found inside of Yellowstone. A geysers

LEVEL 1 DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
T	S	U	X	W	Y
			Z		

L=2	J=q	F=1
R=0	W=4	A=6
T=8	G=3	Z=5
Q=7	D=9	P=0
H=1	Y=8	B=3
N=4	C=6	K=1

LEVEL 2 DECODER

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FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =

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×	×	○
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LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
What is Rocky Mountain National Park's wildlife symbol?
Black bear
Red fox
Yellowstone
Bighorn sheep
Wild boar

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4
The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is between North Carolina and ----
Virginia

RECORDING SHEET

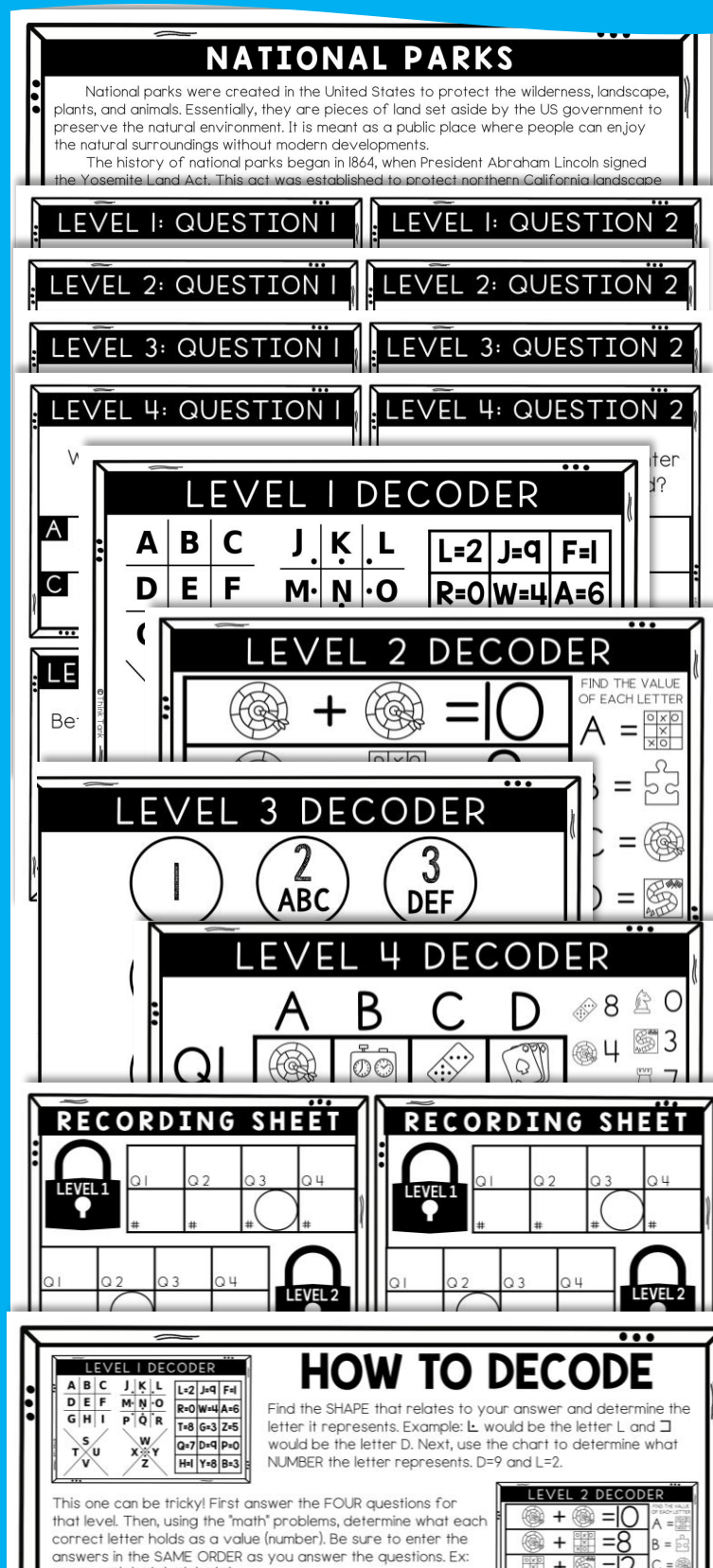
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RECORDING SHEET

LEVEL 2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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THINK TANK

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- READING PASSAGE
- 4 PUZZLE DECODERS
- 16 MULTIPLE CHOICE Q'S
- TEACHER GUIDE
- ANSWER KEY
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- HINT CARDS



16 QUESTIONS

NATIONAL PARK
Created in the United States to protect...
...they are pieces of land set aside...
...It is meant as a public place...
...without modern developments...
...National parks began in 1864, when President...
...This act was established to protect...
...the Yosemite National Park...
...National Park was established in the...
...National Park was established in the...
...President Ulysses S. Grant desig...
...the area protection under...
...acres and is home to...
...found inside of Y...
...ing beneath...

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1
Which was the first official national park?
A Great Smoky Mountains B Yellowstone
C Yosemite D Grand Canyon

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
What is Rocky Mountain National Park's wild...
A Black bear B Bighorn sheep
C ... D ...

LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1
What is the most famous geyser in Yellowstone?
A Old Faithful B New River Gorge
C Old Dependable D New Rager

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3
What year did the history of national parks begin?

RECORDING SHEET
LEVEL 1
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
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LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1
John D. --- donated \$5 million to a park's creation.
A Carnegie T Mellon
H Rockefeller L Adams

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2

LEVEL 3 DECODER
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
ABCDEFGHIJKL MNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1
How long is the Grand Canyon?
A 884 miles B 148 miles
C 443 miles D 278 miles

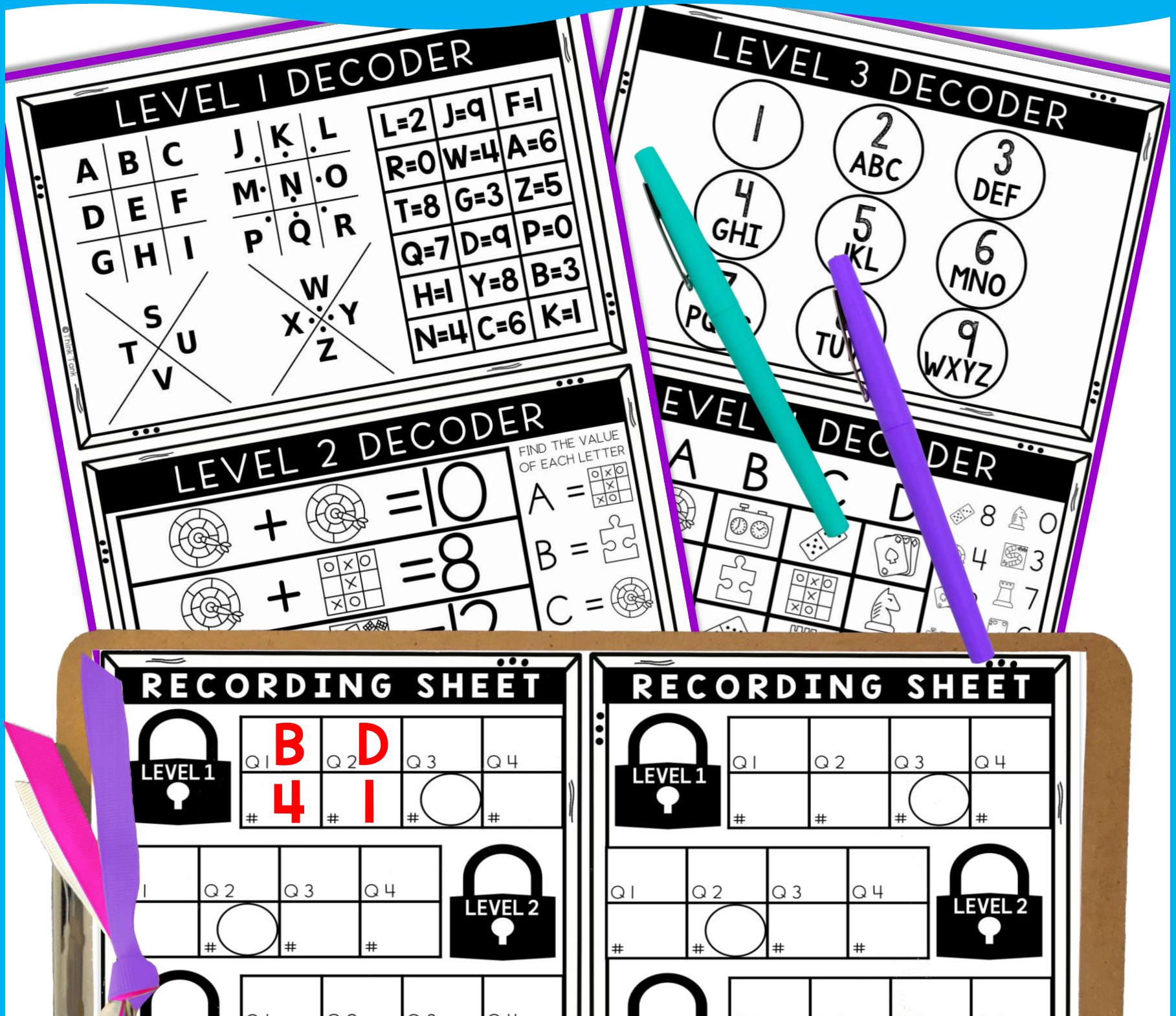
LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2
How tall is Yosemite Falls?
A 1,001 feet B 2,828 feet
C 1,234 feet D 2,425 feet

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 3
The --- rattlesnake is only found within the Grand Canyon National Park.
A Brown B ...

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 4
What geothermal activity happens in Yellowstone?

LEVEL 4 DECODER
A B C D
Q1 Q2 Q3
8 9 0
4 3
2 7
6


PUZZLE TYPES



PRINT, CUT, PLAY



HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 16 question cards.

2

Students will answer the questions found directly in the passage on their recording sheet.

3

Students will use that specific “decoder” to reveal a 4-digit code for each level.

NATIONAL P

National parks were created in the United States to preserve the natural environment. Essentially, they are pieces of land set aside to preserve the natural surroundings without modern developments. The history of national parks began in 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Land Act. This act was established to protect the Yosemite National Park. In 1872, Yellowstone National Park was established in t

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LEVEL I: QUESTION 1

Which was the first official national park?

Great Smoky Mountains

Yellowstone

Yosemite

Grand Canyon

LEVEL I: Q

What is Ro
National Park's

Black bear

Bighorn sheep

LEVEL I: QUESTION 3

What year did the history of the national parks begin?

1855



LEVEL I: QU




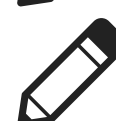
The Great Smo
National Park i
North Carolina

BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

-  LOW PREP
-  PRINT, CUT & PLAY
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

