

# CONTINENT OF EUROPE

## CUBE CODE

largest city in

What country is located on the Scandinavian peninsula?

What ocean borders Europe to the north?

Atlantic Ocean  
Arctic Ocean  
Indian Ocean  
Pacific Ocean

How many deserts can be found in Europe?

A. 0  
B. 1  
C. 2  
D. 3

A. France  
B. Switzerland  
C. Belgium  
D. Norway

A. Finland  
B. Norway  
C. Sweden  
D. All of the above

Where can you visit Bran Castle?

A. Romania  
B. Portugal  
C. Spain  
D. Czech Republic

the number of countries that share a border in Europe and Asia MINUS 3.

The FIRST number of the lock is the number of different countries Europe is made up of MINUS 40.

The THIRD number of the lock is the percent of Europe's land area that Russia takes up MINUS 38.

4	England	7	Slavic
5	France	8	Yangtze
6	10%	9	Germanic

The longest river in Europe is the \_\_\_\_ River in \_\_\_\_\_. The Danube River is longest in \_\_\_\_\_. The second longest European river is the \_\_\_\_\_. It has a \_\_\_\_\_. The longest non-Russian river in Europe is the \_\_\_\_\_. It flows into the \_\_\_\_\_. The largest lake in Europe is Lake \_\_\_\_\_. It is 1,500 feet deep.

### 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. 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.

**A** Dune du Pilat is the largest sand dune on the coast of France.

**B** Moscow has more than 13 million people and it is the largest city in Europe.

**C** Rome is the birthplace of Western civilization.

**D** Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.

**E** Some European countries are island nations.

**F** The Pyrenees mountains separate France and Spain.

**A** 75

**B** 25

**C** 50

**D** 100

**E** 100

**F** 75

**G** 50

**H** 25

**I** 100

**J** 75

**K** 50

**L** 25

**M** 100

**N** 75

**O** 50

**P** 25

**Q** 100

**R** 75

**S** 50

**T** 25

**U** 100

**V** 75

**W** 50

**X** 25

**Y** 100

**Z** 75

### 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.

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**C** 50

**D** 100

**E** 100

**F** 75

**G** 50

**H** 25

**I** 100

**J** 75

**K** 50

**L** 25

**M** 100

**N** 75

**O** 50

**P** 25

**Q** 100

**R** 75

**S** 50

**T** 25

**U** 100

**V** 75

**W** 50

**X** 25

**Y** 100

**Z** 75

### EUROPE

Europe is one of the seven continents on Earth. It is the second smallest continent (Australia is the smallest) spanning 393 million square miles. Europe is home to over 748 million people, making it the third most populated continent following Asia and Africa. Europe is composed of 44 countries.

The European continent is located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere, so that means all its land mass sits above the equator. The farthest north country in Europe is Russia, but the country of Russia spans parts of the European continent as well as the Asian continent. The borders of Europe are not very clear. Some people combine the continents of Europe and Asia and call it Eurasia.



### 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.

### 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 with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

### 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.

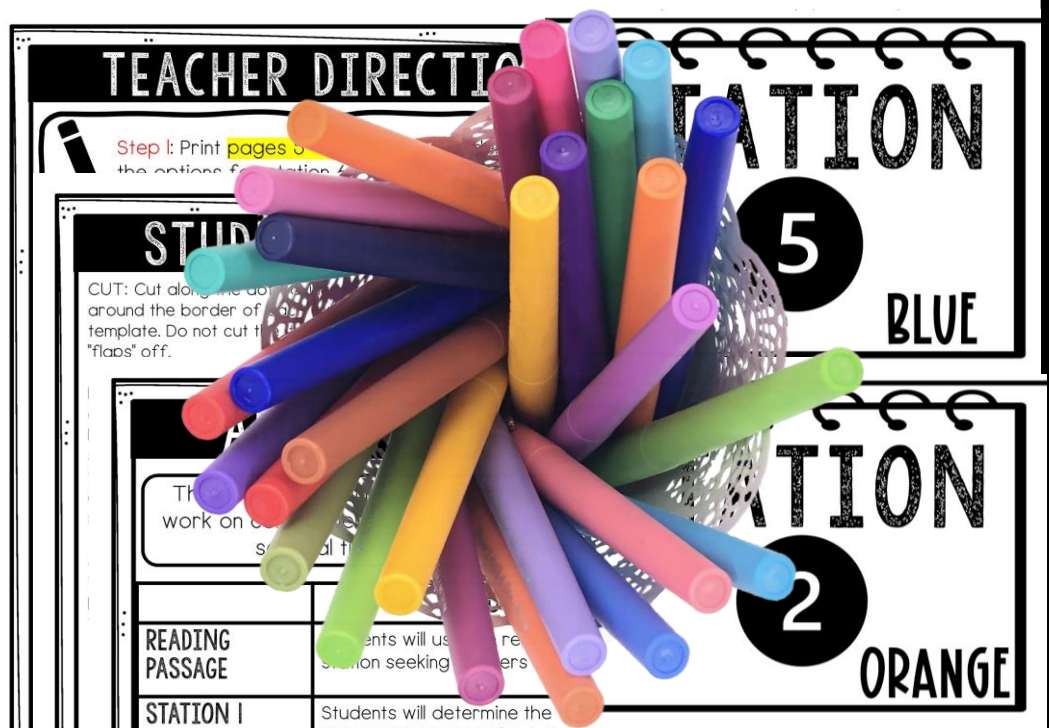
# STATION

# 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	England	4	Russia	7	Slavic
2	France	5	Volga	8	Yangtze
3	10%	6	26%	9	Germanic

The longest river in Europe is the \_\_\_\_\_ River in Russia. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ River in \_\_\_\_\_ non-Russian \_\_\_\_\_ longest European river. It \_\_\_\_\_ the Black Sea. The largest lake \_\_\_\_\_ It has \_\_\_\_\_ surface \_\_\_\_\_ mindalsvatn \_\_\_\_\_ Lake in \_\_\_\_\_ Europe reach \_\_\_\_\_ 1,500 feet \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ account for \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's \_\_\_\_\_ million people. 90% of them speak one of three language groups: Slavic, Germanic, and Romance. \_\_\_\_\_ languages include \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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 acres Vatican City includes MINUS 120.

The SECOND number of the lock is

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 (A B C D) 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.

What is the largest city in Europe?

- A. Berlin
- B. Paris
- C. London
- D. Moscow

Dune du Pilat is the largest sand dune on the coast of what country?

- A. France
- B. Switzerland

What ocean is the northernmost?

- A. Atlantic
- B. Arctic
- C. Indian
- D. Pacific

How many countries are found in Europe?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

- A. Romania
- B. Portugal
- C. Spain
- D. Czech Republic

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 it. One coin has been colored. The 4-digit code has been revealed. The first box is empty.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- C. The highest mountain in Europe is Mount Elbrus in Russia.
- D. Of the seven tallest mountains in the world, five are in Europe.
- E. The longest mountain range in Europe is the Andes Mountains.
- F. The largest ice cave system in the world is in the Salzburger Tennengebirge mountains.
- G. Of the 7 continents, Europe is the smallest.
- H. Europe is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the south.

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 possible answers. The 4-digit code is the sum of the paragraph numbers.

STATION

2

ORANGE

A Dune du Pilat is the largest sand dune on the coast of France.

B Rome is the capital of Italy full of history, mythology, and the Colosseum.

C Vatican City is the leader of the Catholic Church. The Pope lives.

D Some people combine the continents of Europe and Asia and call it Eurasia.

E The Rhine River is longest non-Russian river in Europe or second longest European river.

F

G

H

I

J

K

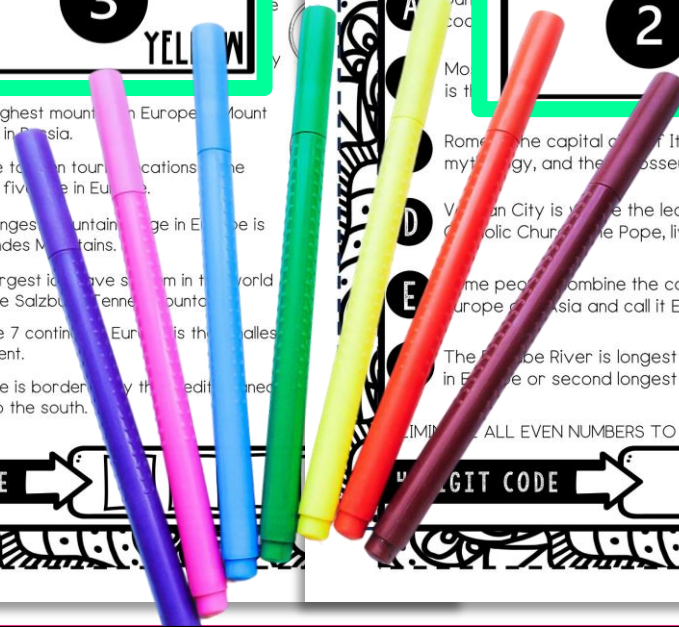
L

M

N

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 total is 75, write the 7 in the first box and the 5 in the second box and so on.

A. Vatican City is entirely surrounded by the city of Rome in Italy.

B. The European continent is located in the Southern Hemisphere.

C. The highest mountain in Europe is Mount Elbrus in Russia.

D. Of the top ten tourist locations in the world, five are in Europe.

E. The longest mountain range in Europe is the Andes Mountains.

F. The largest ice cave system in the world is in the Salzburg Tennen Mountains.

G. Of the 7 continents, Europe is the smallest.

H. Europe is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the south.

4 DIGIT CODE

75

25

50

100

4

5

0

0

# 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

