

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK


EARN THIS!

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Battle	training	mythology
Europe	Athena	goddess
three	laws	Sparta

Greece is a country in southeastern _____ that still exists today. It is a peninsula surrounded on three sides by the Mediterranean Sea. The ancient Greeks referred to themselves as 'Hellenes' and the area of Greece was known as 'Hellas'. Ancient Greece was the birthplace of modern philosophy, literature, drama, mathematics, _____, and the Olympic Games. The idea of democracy, or rule by the people, also came from ancient Greece.

Historians often divide ancient Greece into _____ periods: the Archaic Period, the Classical Period, and the Hellenistic Period. The Archaic Period lasted almost 300 years and included the start of the Olympic Games, as well as Homer's epic poems. The Classical Period was known for philosophers like Socrates and Plato. It was also during this time that the Parthenon, a temple dedicated to _____, was completed. When Alexander the Great died, the generals divided his empire. The divisions led to fighting and began the Hellenistic Period. The Hellenistic Period ended with Rome's conquest of Egypt at the _____ of Actium.

The ancient Greeks were not a united people. Instead, they lived in roughly one hundred city-states, with _____ and Athens being the most powerful. Each city-state had its own _____ and government. Most city-states had an acropolis, or a city built on top of a hill. Warring between the city states was common with Athens and Sparta fighting the Peloponnesian War for 27 years. Soldiers in ancient Greece were called hoplites and wore up to 70 pounds of armor. Male Spartans began military _____ around age 7 and were expected to serve until they were 60 years old. Sparta was focused on war while Athens focused on literature, science, philosophy, democracy, and arts. Athens' name came from Athena, the _____ of wisdom, war, and civilization.

Philosophy is an ancient Greek word that means 'love of wisdom'. Philosophers like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle studied big questions like "Why do people exist?" and "What does life mean?"

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

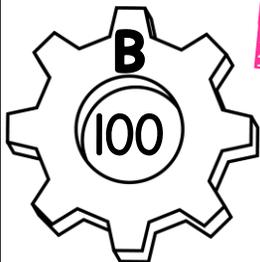
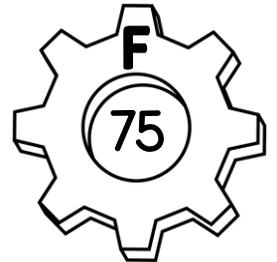


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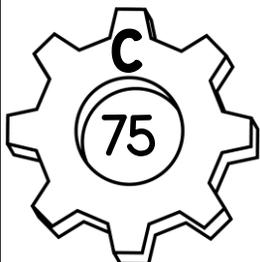
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. The ancient Greeks developed an alphabet for writing, which included 32 letters.

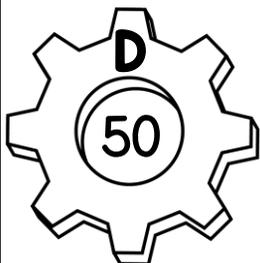
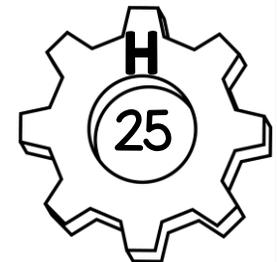


B. The Spartan military was made up of men who served until they were 60.



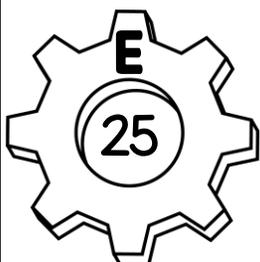
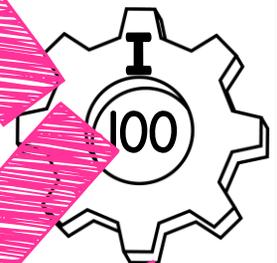
C. Historians often divide ancient Greece into five periods.

D. The Archaic Period lasted almost 300 years.



E. Each city-state had its own laws and government.

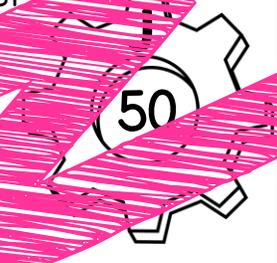
F. The Parthenon was a temple dedicated to Athena.



G. Euclid was the god of drama.

H. Ancient Greeks believed the 12 most important gods lived on Mount Olympus.

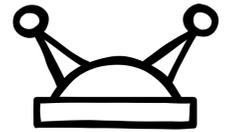
I. The Hellenistic Period ended with Rome's conquest of Egypt.



J. The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC.

TOTAL: _____

TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. What is another word for gods and goddesses?

- A. Titans
- B. Acropolis
- C. Hellenes
- D. Deities

2. Ancient Greece was the birthplace of ____.

- A. Literature
- B. Drama
- C. Mathematics
- D. All of the above

3. What was the only event in the first Olympic Games?

- A. Chariot racing
- B. Stadion
- C. Wrestling
- D. Catapult

4. Which of the three main periods included Homer's epic poems?

- A. Archaic Period
- B. Classical Period
- C. Hellenistic Period
- D. Akkadian Period

5. Who was the King of the Greek gods?

- A. Apollo
- B. Hercules
- C. Zeus
- D. Poseidon

6. What temple was dedicated to Athena?

- A. Theatre of Dionysus
- B. Parthenon
- C. Great Sphinx
- D. Colosseum

7. What type of government means ruled by the people?

- A. Confederation
- B. Dictatorship
- C. Democracy
- D. Oligarchy

8. How long was the Peloponnesian War fought?

- A. 7 years
- B. 17 years
- C. 27 years
- D. 37 years

9. Ancient Greece was eventually conquered by the Romans at the Battle of ____.

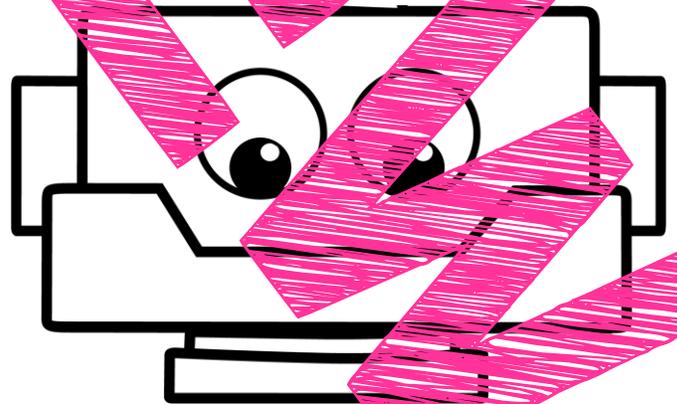
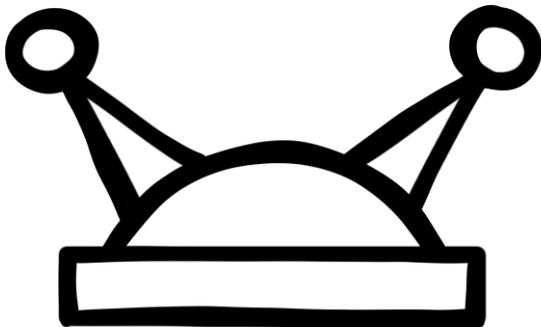
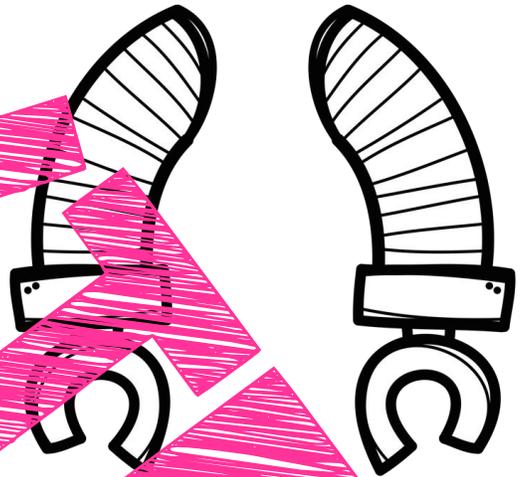
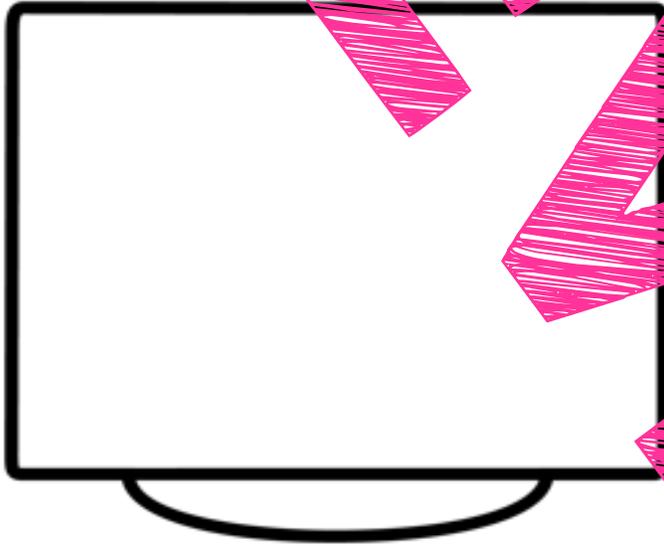
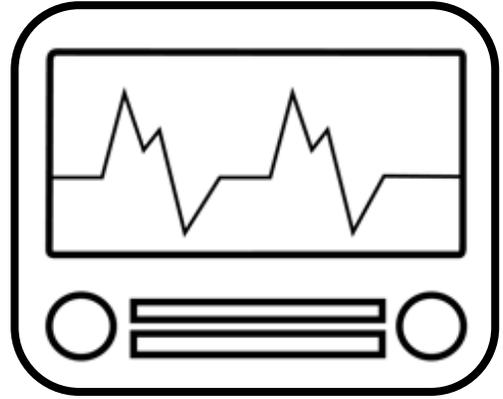
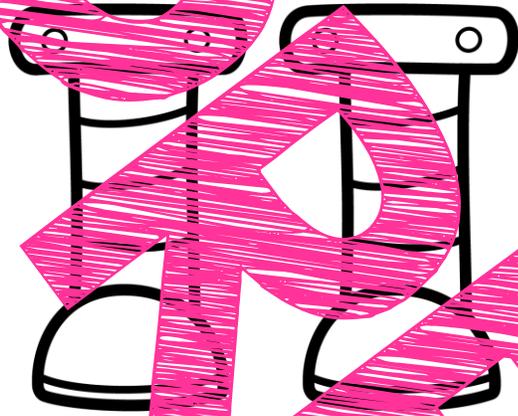
- A. Corinth
- B. Ossa
- C. Ephesus
- D. Agoge

10. The Spartan military was made up of men who served until they were ____.

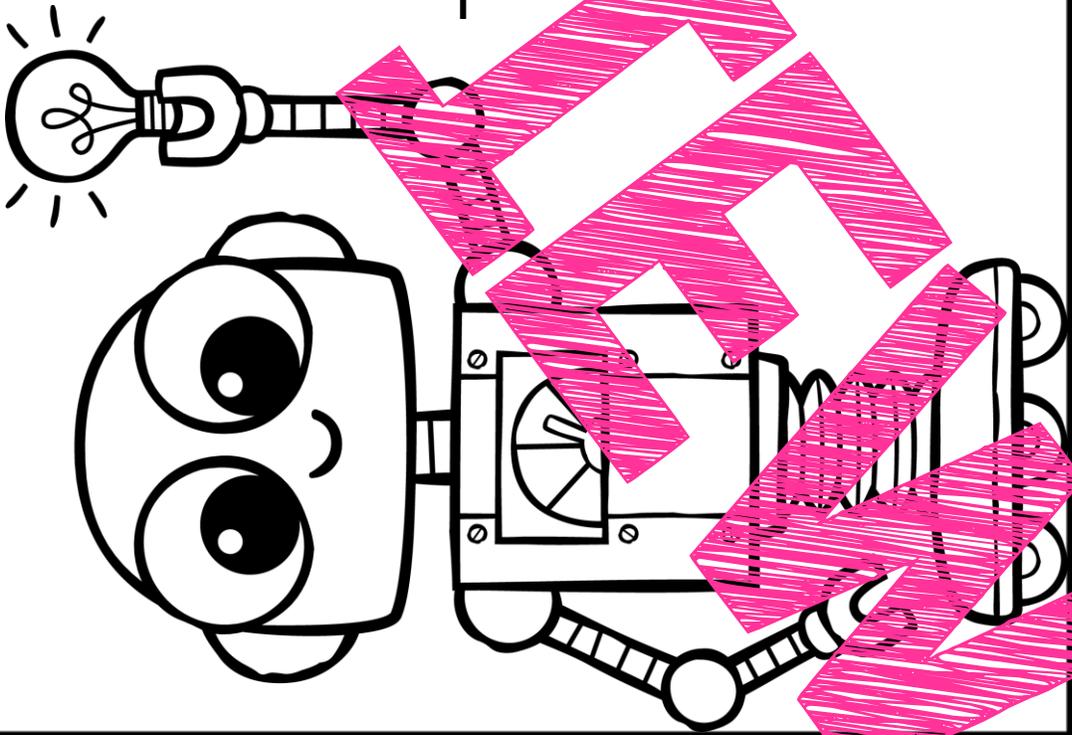
- A. 30
- B. 40
- C. 50
- D. 60

BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



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