

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

This 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

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RANGE

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BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

EARN THIS!

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British	John Adams	why
Français	Congress	New France

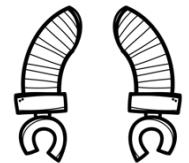
Before America became the country it is today, it was made up of 13 colonies (an area under control of another country) under _____ rule. Britain began taxing the colonies to pay for the French and Indian War, a war for control of America against _____. However, the colonists did not believe the taxes were fair since they had no say in British Parliament (government). In _____, the Revolutionary War began because the colonies did not want Britain to continue forcing these _____ laws and taxes on them. But as some time went on, they decided they no longer wanted to be under the British rule and the abusive government. The Declaration of Independence was written as the document that declared America's independence from Great Britain.

After being at war with Britain for about a year, the Second Continental Congress (a meeting of representatives from each of the 13 colonies) decided to declare independence from the country of Britain. They did not want to be controlled by them or have to follow their laws and would fight Great Britain to become their own country.

On June 11, 1776, the Committee of _____ was formed by the Continental Congress (the first government of the United States created to make decisions on behalf of the colonies). This committee was created to write a document to explain _____ the colonies were declaring their independence. The five chosen people were Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania, _____ from Massachusetts, Thomas Jefferson from Virginia, Robert Livingston from New York, and Roger Sherman from Connecticut. _____ was chosen to write the first draft of the document. After a few weeks and some changes made to it by the committee, the draft was presented to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

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.



EARN THIS!

A

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Before America became the country it is today, it was made up of 13 colonies.

B

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The colonists sent a copy of the Declaration to King George III, Britain, and Parliament.

C

Benjamin Franklin was chosen to write the first draft of a document.

D

The French and Indian War was fought against New France for control of America.

C

75

Robert Livingston represented New Jersey.

F

56 members of the Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.

D

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The British government is known as Parliament.

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There are 34 grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence.

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Part I is called the Resolution.

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The Declaration consists of six parts.

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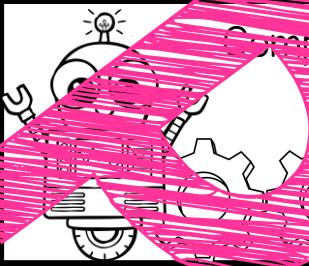
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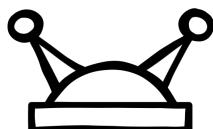
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TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



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1. What is the first part of the Declaration of Independence called?
- A. Resolution
 - B. Grievances
 - C. Preamble
 - D. Declaration of Rights

2. What are grievances?
- A. Complaints
 - B. Liberties
 - C. Rights
 - D. Freedoms

3. _____ and Pennsylvania initially voted against the Declaration.
- A. Maryland
 - B. Massachusetts
 - C. South Carolina
 - D. North Carolina

4. When did the Revolutionary War begin?
- A. 1773
 - B. 1775
 - C. 1777
 - D. 1779

5. Who represented Connecticut on the Committee of Five?
- A. Roger Sherman
 - B. Robert Livingston
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. John Adams

6. Who did the colonists fight in the French and Indian War?
- A. New France
 - B. New Amsterdam
 - C. New York
 - D. New Spain

7. At the time, who was the King of England?
- A. King George II
 - B. King James II
 - C. King George III
 - D. King James III

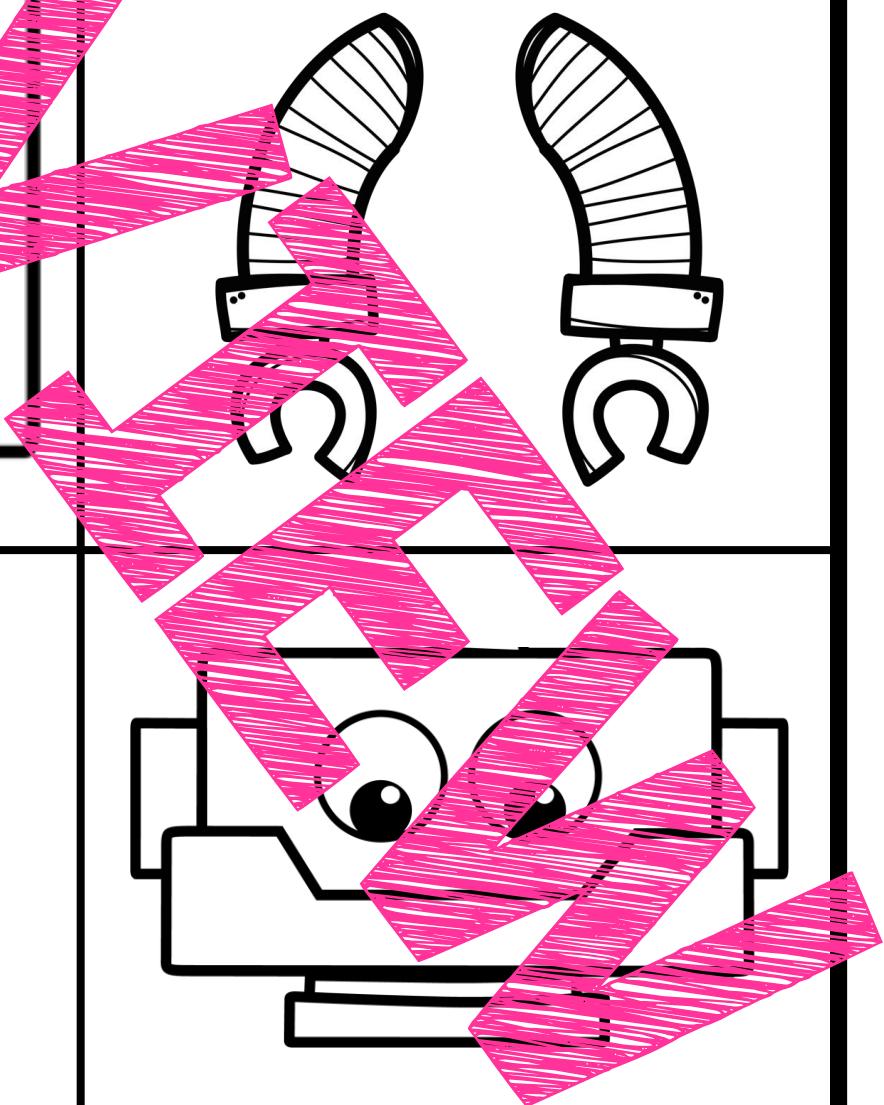
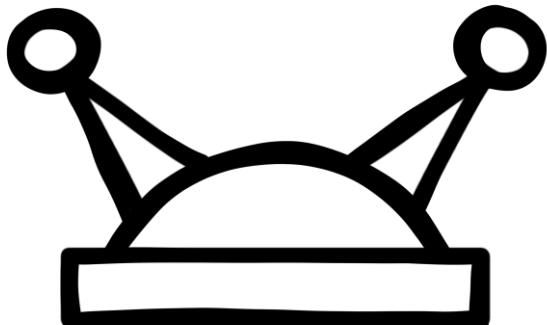
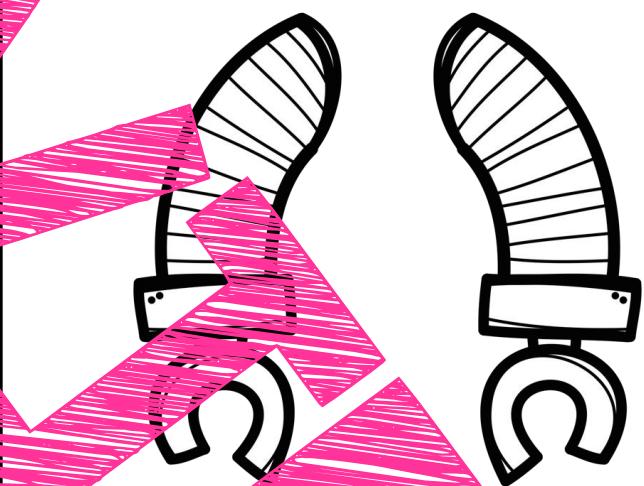
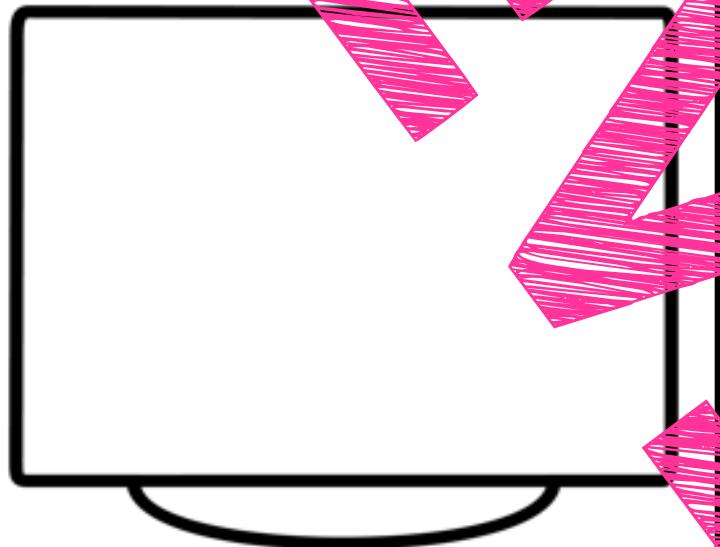
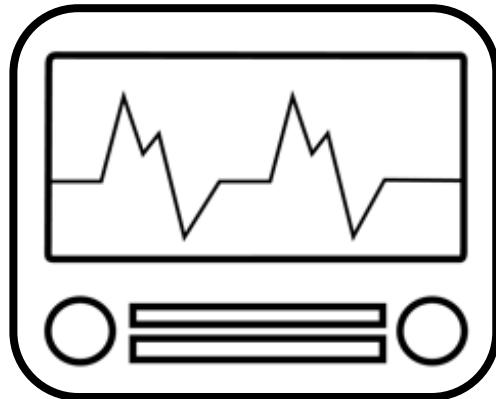
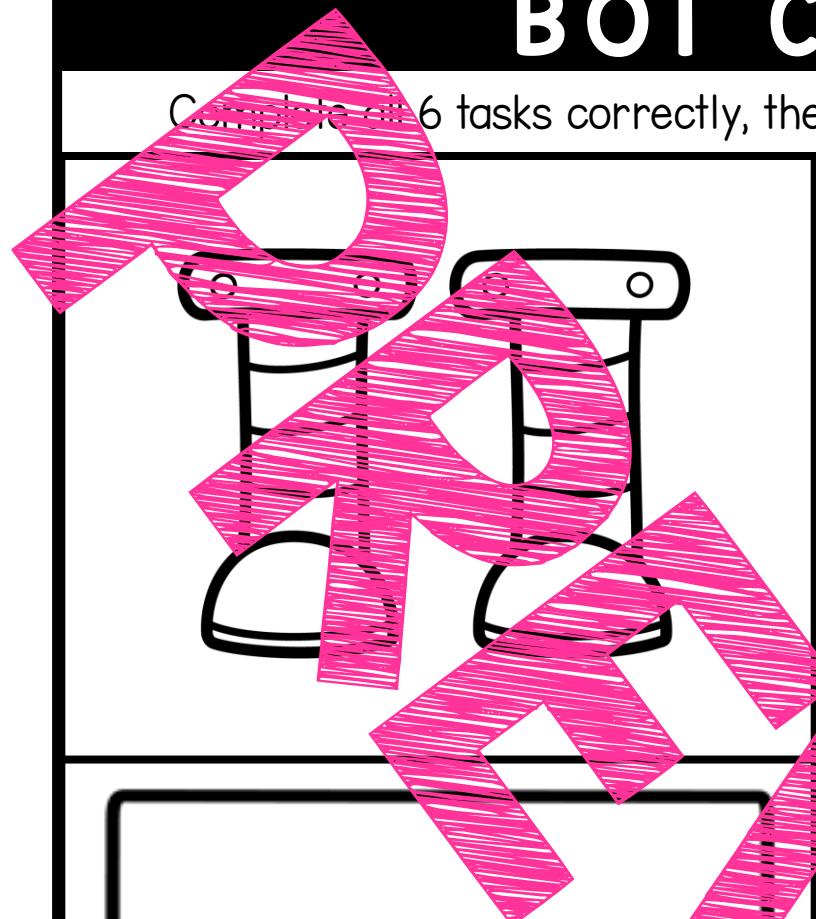
8. When was the actual signing of the original document?
- A. August 2, 1776
 - B. July 4, 1775
 - C. August 14, 1776
 - D. June 2, 1776

9. What is another word for the British government?
- A. Council
 - B. Second Senate
 - C. Committee
 - D. Parliament

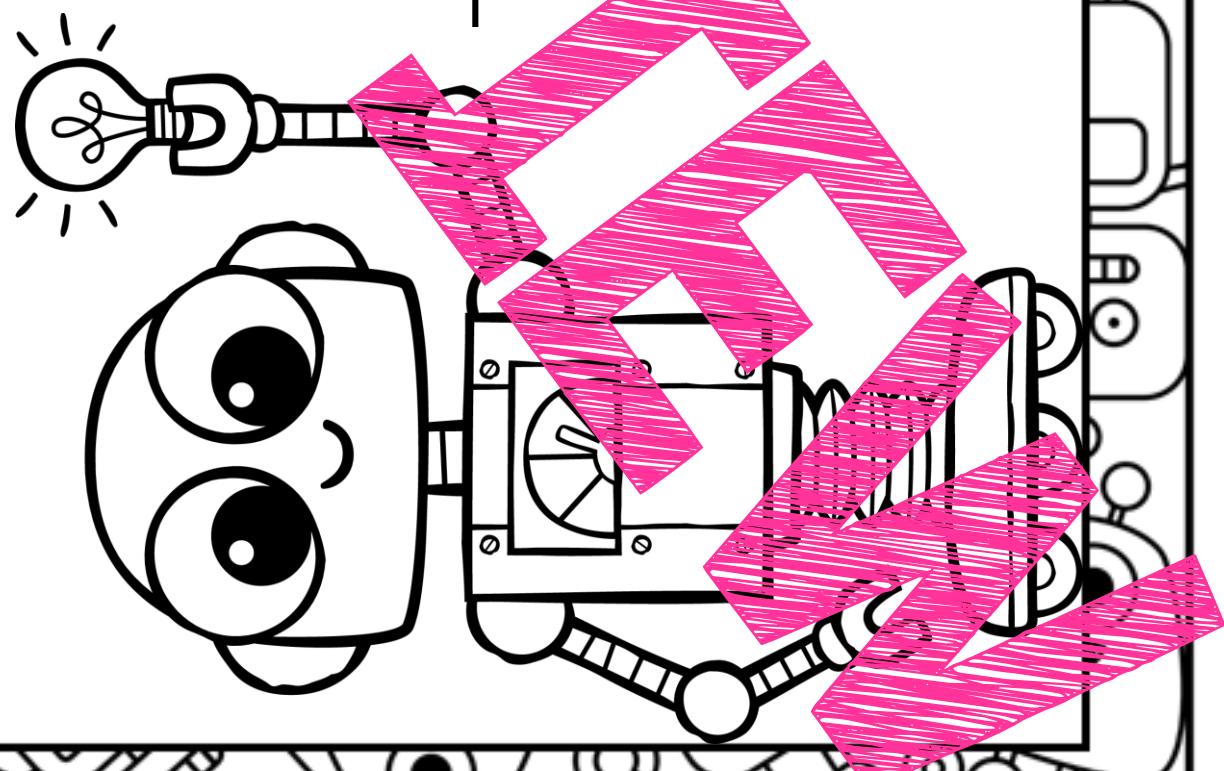
10. What is the 2nd paragraph called?
- A. Preamble
 - B. Grievances
 - C. Declaration of Sentiments
 - D. Declaration of Rights

BOT CARDS

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



Brilliant Bot Reader



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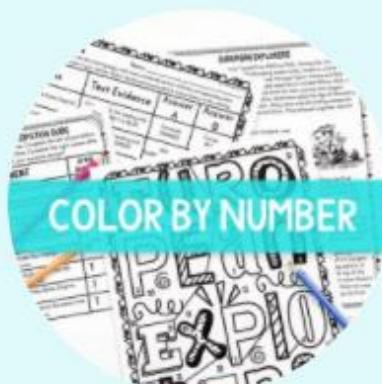
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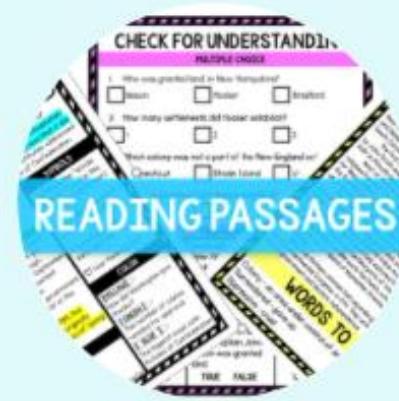
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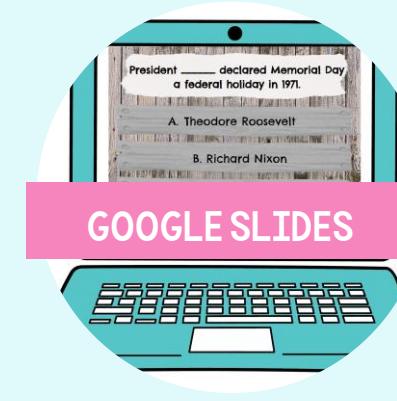
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