

KUBLAI KHAN

CUBE CODE

What city was the capital of the Yuan Dynasty?
A. Uluu
B. Dadu
C. Kish
D. Tokyo

At the time, what did the Mongol Empire rule?
A. Parts of eastern Persia
B. North China
C. Asia
D. All of the above

Mongke appointed Kublai as the governor of what province?
A. Ningxia
B. Xanadu
C. Kurita
D. None of the above

What number khan of China was Kublai Khan?
A. Third
B. Fourth
C. Fifth
D. Sixth

the year Kublai Khan established the Yuan Dynasty MINUS 1270.

The FIRST number of the lock is the age of Kublai Khan when he passed away MINUS 71.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of years Kublai Khan ruled for MINUS 30.

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.

- A. Ariq Boke called a meeting of royal families in Karakorum, the Mongol capital.
- B. Mongke appointed him as the governor of the province of Ningxia.
- C. His grand Khan and
- D. The Mo China, (
- E. It tool Song
- F. Kubl the

KUBLAI KHAN

Kublai Khan was the fifth khan (emperor) of the Mongol empire of China. He founded the Yuan Dynasty in 1271 and was able to conquer China, bringing it all under one rule. The Mongols had come to power in China by sheer force. Khan ruled for a total of 34 years.

Kublai was born in Mongolia in 1215, though no one knows the exact date. He was the great grandson of emperor Genghis Khan, the first great Mongol emperor. The Mongol empire ruled central Asia, North China, and some parts of eastern Persia. From an early age, Kublai was interested in Chinese culture and studied Confucianism and Buddhism (ancient Chinese philosophies). He was also taught how to fight and hunt. He and his family lived in a round tent called a yurt.

4	Han	7	Yuan
5	Tang	8	chao
6	Mongols	9	Babylonians

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. 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. Mongke asked Kublai to help conquer southern China and the Song Dynasty.
- B. The Yuan Dynasty only lasted until 1342.
- C. After becoming khan, Kublai continued his conquest of southern China.
- D. Kublai was interested in Chinese culture and studied Confucianism and Buddhism.
- E. Beginning in 1277, Kublai led attempts to conquer Burma, Java, and Japan.



4 DIGIT CODE

A 75
B 25
C 50
D 100

E 100
F 75
G 50
H 25

9

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.

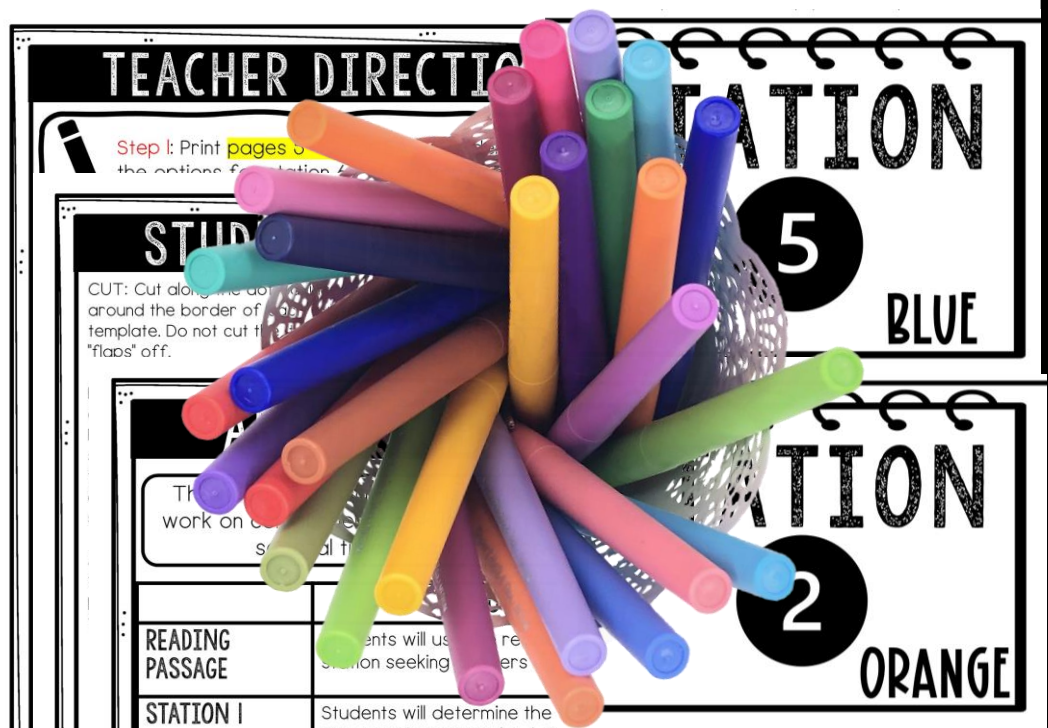
STATION

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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	dinar	4	Han	7	Yuan
2	Forbidden	5	Tang	8	chaco
3	Exiled	6	Mongols	9	Babylon

In 1271, Kublai Khan established the _____ Dynasty and ruled all of China. He moved the capital to _____, which was the modern-day _____ of China. Dadu is now Beijing. He built the _____ Canal, a major waterway that _____ the southern and northern parts of China. He also _____ the Silk Road, which brought more trade and economic wealth. He allowed religious freedom for _____, Islam, Buddhism and Shamanism (religion of the _____).

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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

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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 year Ariq surrendered in Shangdu MINUS 1259.

The SECOND number of the lock is

STATION

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GREEN

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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, put a zero in the box.

How long did Kublai and Ariq fight a civil war for the crown?

- A. 4 years
- B. 6 years
- C. 8 years
- D. 10 years

Kublai moved the empire's capital from Karakorum to what city?

- A. Uluru
- B. Dadu

Under Khagan Kublai, what did he do?

- A. Built the Great Canal
- B. Rebuilt the Silk Road
- C. Allowed the Mongols to conquer Persia
- D. All of the above

What number of the Great Canal did Kublai Khan build?

- A. Third
- B. Fourth
- C. Fifth
- D. Sixth

- A. Ningxia
- B. Xanadu
- C. Kurilita
- D. None of the above

STATION

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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 to show you. The 4-digit code has been revealed. The first box is empty.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- A. After becoming khan, Kublai conquered his conquest of southern China.
- B. Kublai was interested in Chinese culture and studied Confucianism and Buddhism.
- C. Beginning in 1271, Kublai attempted to conquer Burma, Java, and Japan.
- D. A trebuchet is a type of catapult.
- E. Kublai Khan founded the Yuan Dynasty in 1471.
- F. Dadu is now modern-day Beijing.

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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

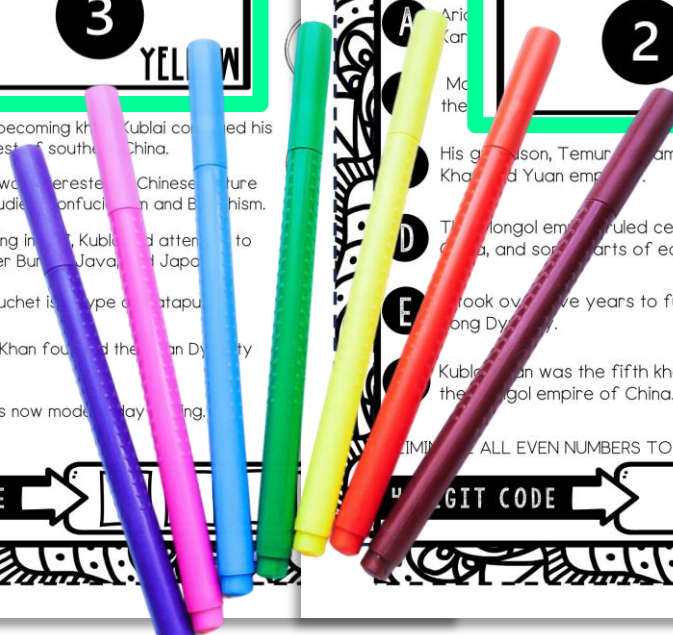
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ORANGE

- A. Ariq Khan was the first khan (emperor) of the Mongol Empire.
- B. The Great Canal was built by Kublai Khan.
- C. His grandson, Temur Lugh, became the next Great Khan of the Yuan Empire.
- D. The Mongol Empire ruled central Asia, North China, and some parts of eastern Persia.
- E. It took over five years to fully conquer the Song Dynasty.
- F. Kublai Khan was the fifth khan (emperor) of the Mongol Empire of China.

ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

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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!

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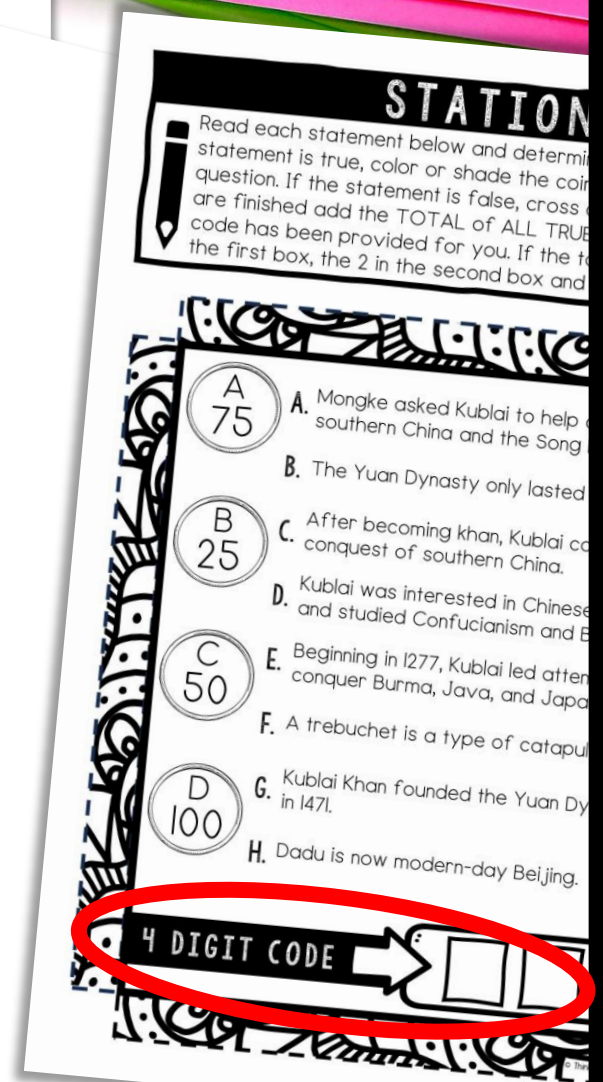
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.

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 code has been provided for you. If the total is 75, write the 7 in the first box, the 5 in the second box and so on.

A. Mongke asked Kublai to help conquer southern China and the Song Dynasty.

B. The Yuan Dynasty only lasted 100 years.

C. After becoming khan, Kublai conquered southern China.

D. Kublai was interested in Chinese culture and studied Confucianism and Buddhism.

E. Beginning in 1277, Kublai led attacks to conquer Burma, Java, and Japan.

F. A trebuchet is a type of catapult.

G. Kublai Khan founded the Yuan Dynasty in 1471.

H. Dadu is now modern-day Beijing.

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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

