

ANCIENT CHINA

ESCAPE ROOM

What served as a natural barrier to Ancient China?

A. Gobi Desert
B. Himalayan Mountains
C. Tibetan Plateau
D. All of the above

How many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to solve the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.

1302	2301
J	N

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

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. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Use the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A. The first dynasty to rule ancient China was the Xia Dynasty, founded and ruled by Yu the Great.

B. The Great Wall of China is the longest man-made structure in the world.

C. All of the soldiers look different with hair styles, facial features, expressions, and ranks.

D. Religion was an important part of Chinese life and culture. The three main religions known as Taoism, Confucianism, and Buddhism.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet 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 to reveal your letter clue. 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.

A 75	B 25	C 100	D 50	E 100	F 50
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Black 5 Han 7 34
6 Tang 8 Clergy 9 Merchants

The Silk Road began during the ___ Dynasty. The Silk Road wasn't really a road, but a 4,000 mile trade route that extended from China to Eastern Europe (Rome). Instead of a single route along the Silk Road, there were many unpaved routes. Some were shorter, but more dangerous. Other routes were safer but took longer to travel. The Silk Road served as a way to transfer and trade materials. ___ and tradesmen traveled along the Silk Road in caravans led by camels. Unfortunately, sometimes disease was carried along the Silk Road, including the bubonic plague also known as ___ Death. Marco Polo traveled to China and met the Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan. Kublai Khan reigned over the Yuan Dynasty for ___ years.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
J	K	P

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ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
B	M	M

ANCIENT CHINA

The country of China is located on the continent of Asia. It was one of the greatest and longest civilizations to exist, dating back over 4,000 years. There were 13 dynasties in ancient China beginning with the Xia Dynasty and ending with the Qing Dynasty. The Gobi Desert, the Sea of Japan, and the Great Wall of China are all part of the land for an extended period of time. A dynasty is a family or group of rulers who rule a country for an extended period of time. The first dynasty to rule China was the Xia Dynasty. The power was usually passed on from father to son. The first dynasty to rule China was the Xia Dynasty. The power was usually passed on from father to son. The first dynasty to rule China was the Xia Dynasty. The power was usually passed on from father to son.

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STATIONS ACTIVITY

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 5 STATIONS
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ✓ PROP SIGNS

STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Use your reading passage to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER for each missing word, in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue LETTER on your answer sheet.

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

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. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Follow the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet 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 to reveal your letter clue. 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: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. 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. There is room on your answer sheet to do the math.

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4-digit code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in that box on your answer sheet.

ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES

LETTER CLUE

STATION 1	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE
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A	B	C	D	E	F	
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STATION 2	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE
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ENTER

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3

TEACHER DIRECTION

- 1 Print the reading passage found on [pages 5-6](#) for EACH (front and back).
- 2 Print the answer recording sheet on [page 12](#) for each student group of students.

RECAP: Print pages 5, 6, and 12 for students.

STATION

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BLUE

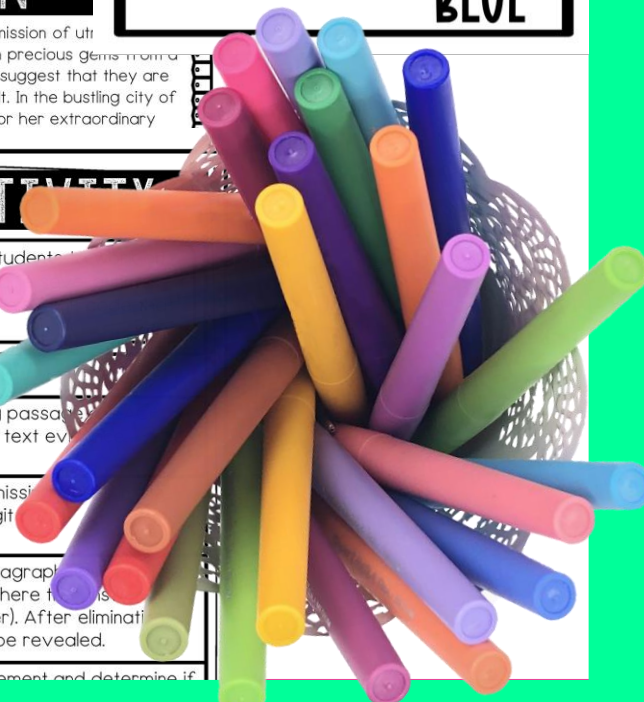
THE MISSION

You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. A notorious thief has stolen precious gems from a prominent lady, and intelligence reports suggest that they are hidden in a heavily guarded secret vault. In the bustling city of Oakville, Lady Victoria was renowned for her extraordinary

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to practice their comprehension skills after reading the passage. Students will be searching for evidence. Each station includes a question that will reveal a letter clue.

	OVERVIEW
READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at each station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing word in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs in the reading passage to determine where the missing words can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating the incorrect numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false.



5 STATIONS

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count how many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal the code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If an option is not used, put an X in that box on your answer sheet.

1. What dynasty lasted the longest in China? It is known for building the Great Wall and having a single tomb in Shaanxi.

A. Zhou
B. Xia
C. Qin
D. Han

A. Emperor Qin Shi Huang
B. Emperor Wen
C. Kublai Khan
D. None of the above

2. How many channels does the Grand Canal have? It was the longest man-made waterway in the world during the Ming Dynasty and runs through the Yellow River?

A. 60
B. 130
C. 520
D. None of the above

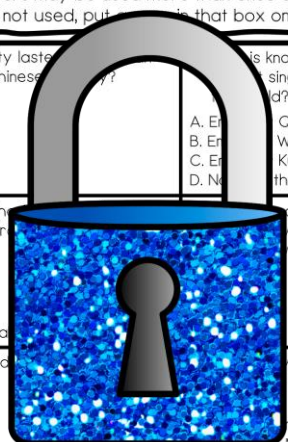
3. Who founded the Ming Dynasty? He was a native of China.

A. Lau-Tzu
B. Liu Bang
C. Yu the Great
D. Kublai Khan

A. Han Dynasty
B. Han Dynasty
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Count how many times you used each letter answer to determine the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.



ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

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STATION CODES	LETTER CODES
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STATION 2: A B C D E F	<input type="text"/>
STATION 3: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STATION 4: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STATION 5: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Do your math in this area:

1 2 3 4 5 6

A# B# C# D#

STATION 4: COMBINATION

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1. The LAST number of the lock is the year the Terracotta Army was found by farmers in 1970.

2. The SECOND number of the lock is the number of years in the Han Dynasty.

3. The first number of the lock is the number of dynasties of the Han Dynasty.

4. The lock is the year of the Qin Dynasty.

5. Once you have the code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO



STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the order in which they appear in the paragraph. Then, use the letter clue on your answer sheet to determine the 4-digit code.

1. The first dynasty to rule ancient China was the Xia Dynasty, founded and ruled by Yu the Great.

2. The Great Wall of China is the longest man-made structure in the world.

3. All of the soldiers in the Han Dynasty had facial features, especially the eyes.

4. Religion was a major part of Han life and included three main religions: Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism.

5. The Qin Dynasty lasted for just 15 years.

6. There were 13 dynasties in ancient China beginning with the Xia Dynasty and ending with the Qing.

7. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes that connected the East and West. It was used for trade and travel along the Silk Road, including the famous Silk Road sea routes. Some of the most dangerous routes were the Silk Road sea routes. Other routes were safer and used camels. The Silk Road was a way to trade goods and travel along the Silk Road. Unfortunately, the Silk Road was often closed down as Marco Polo traveled to China and met the Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan. Kublai Khan reigned over the Yuan Dynasty for 32 years.

8. The Great Wall of China is the longest man-made structure in the world.

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ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

B H M



STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that matches that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin. Once you are finished coloring the coins, use the TRUE coin values to determine the final 4-digit ALPHA code. One digit of the code will be provided for you. For example, if you have 625, a 6 would be in the first box, and a 2 would be in the second box.

A 75
B 25
C 50
D 100

A. The Han Dynasty lasted longer than any other Chinese dynasty.

B. Some historians argue whether the Xia Dynasty was a real dynasty or a legend.

C. The Great Wall of China was built during the Han Dynasty.

D. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes that connected the East and West.

E. The Han Dynasty was a time of peace and prosperity in China, as well as a time of great cultural and technological advancement.

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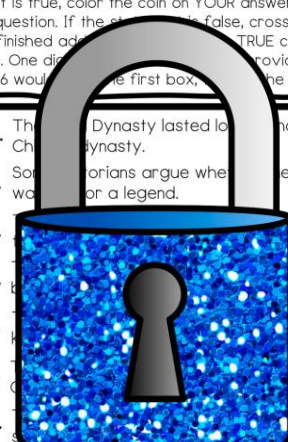
G. The Han Dynasty was a time of great cultural and technological advancement.

H. During each dynasty, the ruler was called the "Huangdi" or emperor.

After shading the coins on your answer sheet, use the TRUE statements to get the final total.

300 325 3

G D



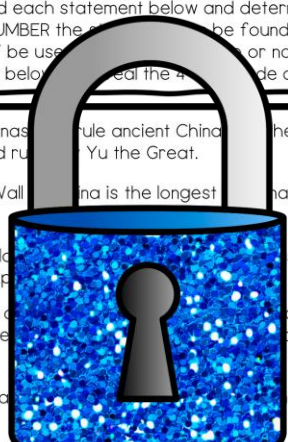
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1. ELIMINATE the highest and lowest used paragraph numbers and record the remaining 4-digit code on your answer sheet. 2. Decide which paragraph number was NOT used as a CODE answer.

NO 8 NO 5 NO 4

L C W



STATIONS

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence. Each station includes a 4-digit code that will reveal a letter clue.


OVERVIEW

READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at EACH station seeking answers and text evidence.
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 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 "ABCD" answer.
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. (This will increase completion time)

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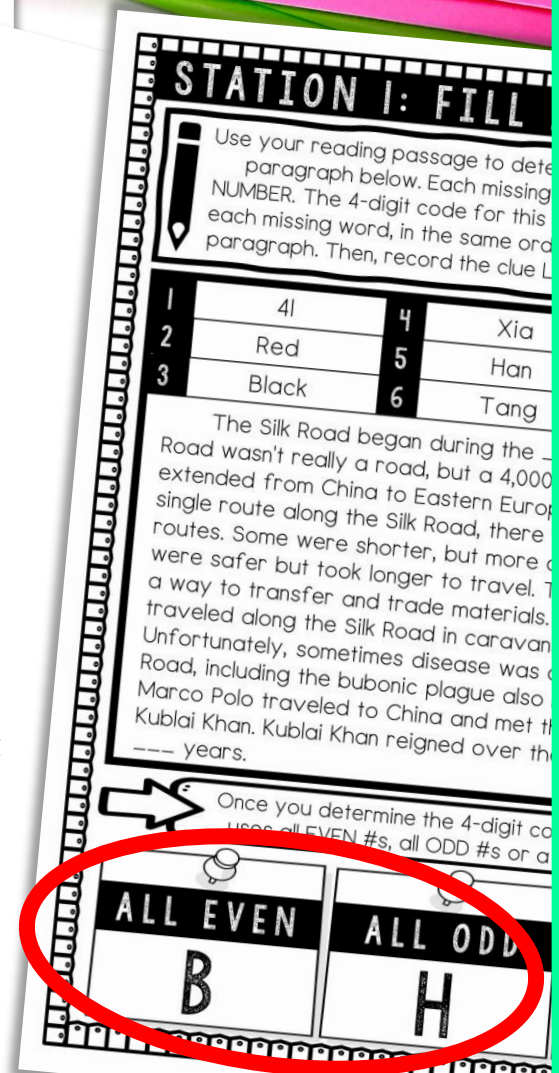
**STUDENTS WILL
USE THE SAME
READING
PASSAGE AT
EACH STATION
SEEKING
ANSWERS AND
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING
COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 5 stations, answer questions, decipher a 4-digit code at each station and grab a "letter" clue for the final alpha code.
- 2 Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their own recording sheet. Students will have to revisit their reading passage several times at EACH station skimming for answers.



STATION 1: FILL

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word is represented by a NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station is formed by the numbers for each missing word, in the same order as they appear in the passage. Then, record the clue letter.

1	4l	4	Xia
2	Red	5	Han
3	Black	6	Tang

The Silk Road began during the _____ century. The Silk Road wasn't really a road, but a 4,000-mile-long network of routes that extended from China to Eastern Europe. There was no single route along the Silk Road, there were many different routes. Some were shorter, but more dangerous. Some were safer but took longer to travel. The Silk Road was a way to transfer and trade materials. Goods and people traveled along the Silk Road in caravans. Unfortunately, sometimes disease was spread along the Silk Road, including the bubonic plague also known as the Black Death. Marco Polo traveled to China and met the ruler Kublai Khan. Kublai Khan reigned over the Silk Road for _____ years.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, use the following key to decipher the code. Use all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of even and odd numbers.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD
B	H

BENEFITS

- ✓ STATIONS AND MOVEMENT
- ✓ CLOSE READING
- ✓ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ SECRET CODES
- ✓ CITING EVIDENCE
- ✓ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✓ PRINT AND GO
- ✓ ACTIVE LEARNING
- ✓ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✓ HIGHLY ENGAGING
- ✓ NO LOCKS NEEDED
- ✓ NO SILLY ENVELOPES TO STUFF
- ✓ NO ODD SHAPES TO CUT OUT



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