

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



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

diseases	Philadelphia	harsh
Great Britain	Army	Christmas
losses	mountains	taxes

The American Revolution, or Revolutionary War, was fought for the freedom of the colonies from _____. At that time, the 13 Colonies in America were ruled by Britain and there were unfair _____ and laws being enforced. Colonists believed that Parliament (British government) had no right to enforce such harsh laws from 1775-1776. The Continental _____ led by Commander in Chief George Washington, fought the British Army for their independence. In 1777, after a series of defeats (_____), General Washington took his troops to Valley Forge.

General Washington and his estimated 11,000 troops arrived at Valley Forge six days before _____. Valley Forge in Pennsylvania is where the Continental Army set up their camp for six months during the winter of 1777-1778. The British had taken control of _____ and Valley Forge was located about twenty-five miles from there. General Washington wanted to be close enough to the British to keep an eye on them but not too close in case of an attack. Valley Forge was also a strategic location for the army. The Schuylkill River to the north served as a barrier and high _____ surrounding the area allowed the army to build defense walls. Five redoubts (defense walls) were built around the encampment (temporary military huts).

The conditions that winter were very _____. The weather was extremely cold, supplies and food were low, and the troops did not have proper clothing or shoes to protect them against the snowy weather. Upon arrival, George Washington ordered his troops to build close to 2,000 huts as shelter. The soldiers, as well as four hundred women and children, lived in cramped cabins with up to twenty other soldiers. Such close living conditions meant _____ like typhoid, dysentery, and influenza could spread easily. That winter, many soldiers died from disease or lack of necessities and about 2,000 soldiers deserted (left) the army. George Washington was a strong military leader and knew he had to keep the remaining army together before he

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

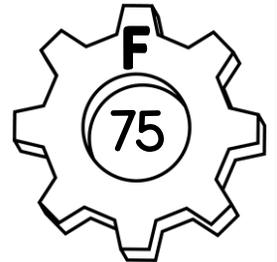


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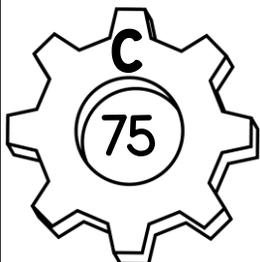
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



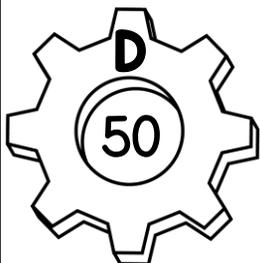
A. Benjamin Franklin enlisted the help of Friedrich Wilhelm Baron von Steuben.



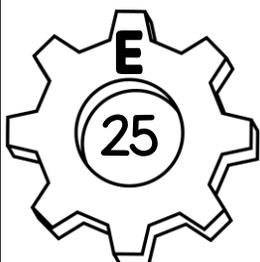
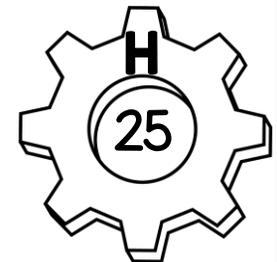
B. The battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey.



C. General Washington and his troops arrived at Valley Forge six days before Easter.

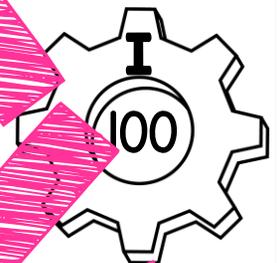


D. The Continental Army was led by Commander in Chief George Washington.



E. Valley Forge was in New York.

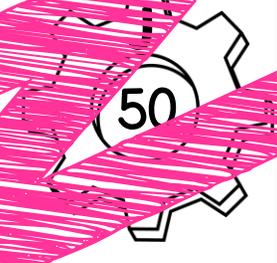
F. Fourteen redoubts (defense walls) were built around Valley Forge.



G. The British government is known as Parliament.

H. The Schuylkill River to the north served as a barrier to Valley Forge.

I. Such close living conditions meant diseases like typhoid and dysentery could spread easily.



J. Valley Forge was located about one hundred miles from Philadelphia.

TOTAL: _____

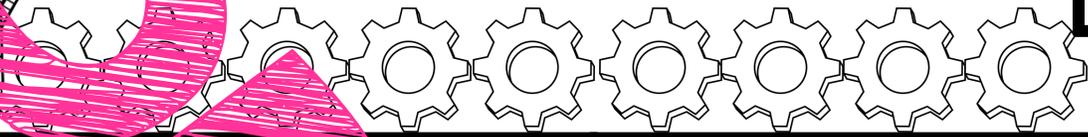
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. Where was Valley Forge?

- A. New York
- B. Pennsylvania
- C. New Jersey
- D. Maryland

6. Who set up an operation for bringing supplies into the camp?

- A. Benedict Arnold
- B. Henry Knox
- C. Nathanael Greene
- D. Alexander Hamilton

2. Where was Marquis de Lafayette from?

- A. France
- B. Spain
- C. Prussia
- D. Germany

7. The Continental Army set up their camp for six months during the winter of ____.

- A. 1775-1776
- B. 1777-1778
- C. 1779-1780
- D. 1781-1782

3. Who served as a translator to you Steuben?

- A. Henry Knox
- B. George Washington
- C. John Adams
- D. Alexander Hamilton

8. What is another word for defense walls?

- A. Musket
- B. Redoubt
- C. Barricade
- D. Catapult

4. In 1778, what country joined the war on the side of the colonies?

- A. Portugal
- B. Ireland
- C. France
- D. Spain

9. What is another word for the British government?

- A. Council
- B. Grand Senate
- C. Consensus
- D. Parliament

5. About how many troops did Washington bring to Valley Forge?

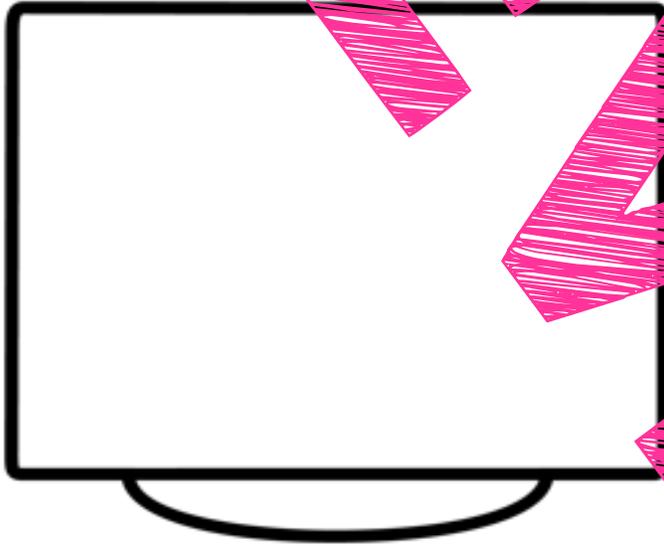
- A. 11,000
- B. 21,000
- C. 31,000
- D. 41,000

10. Who did the colonies fight in the Revolutionary War?

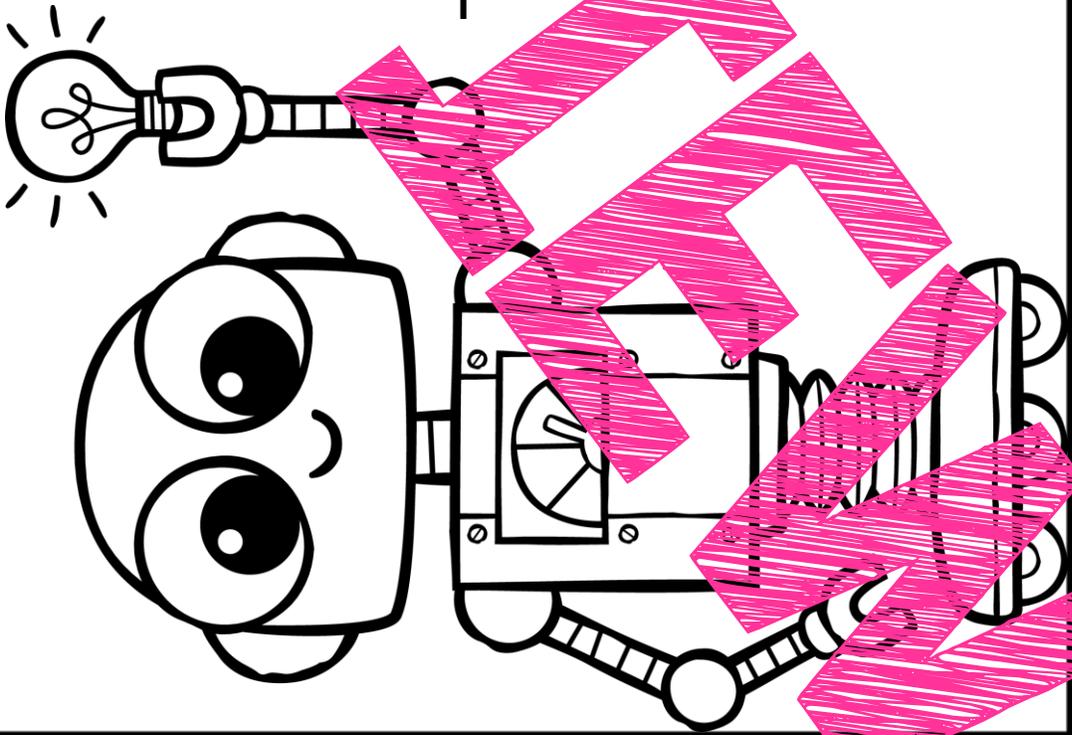
- A. Prussia
- B. Mexico
- C. Canada
- D. Great Britain

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



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