

U.S. ARMED FORCES

ESCAPE ROOM

Station 1: Multiple Choice

6. What is the largest and oldest branch of the military?

- A. U.S. Navy
- B. U.S. Army
- C. U.S. Coast Guard
- D. U.S. Marines

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.

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: Logic Puzzle

established MINUS 2010.

The FIRST number of the lock is the number of branches of the United States Armed Forces MINUS 1.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of months Navy SEALs spend training MINUS 16.

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

Station 5: Reading Passage

When the United States fought for freedom from England in the _____ War, they had to organize a military. A military is heavily armed, organized force of soldiers that focus on warfare. In the United States, the military was officially established on June 14, _____ The military was called the Continental Army and most of the soldiers were not very well trained. Many soldiers were people who worked on farms who wanted to band together to fight for independence from England. Originally, George Washington chose _____ to represent the color of his Continental Army, but over time the Army adopted camouflage (brown and green patterns) as their colors. The U.S. Army is the largest and _____ branch of the military. The U.S. Army is the largest and oldest branch of the military. The Army handles ground combat missions. Special Forces in the Army are called Green Berets.

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

Station 6: Multiple Choice

7. In the United States, the Armed Forces were founded in _____ country. There are different branches of the Armed Forces in defending the country and protecting the citizens who call home. There are six branches of the Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force.

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Station 7: Multiple Choice

8. The Secretary of the Department of Defense is in charge of all military branches, except for the Coast Guard.

9. An elite group of the Navy is known as the Sea, Air, and Land Forces - or Navy SEALs.

10. Today, the Air Force is part of the Department of Defense (DOD).

11. During peace times, the Coast Guard operates under the Department of Homeland Security.

Station 8: Logic Puzzle

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ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

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ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

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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

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| STATION 2 | → | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | CODE |
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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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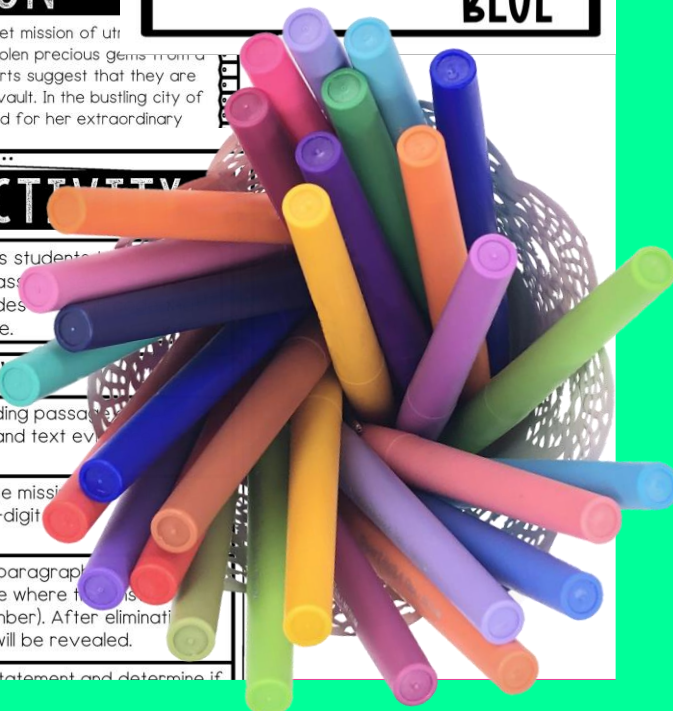
THE MISSION

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. Each station includes a question that will reveal a letter clue.

| | OVERVIEW |
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| 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 your 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 are the Special Forces called? What does training for the Army include?

A. Elite Commanders
B. Blue Bonnets
C. SEALS
D. Green Berets

A. Special Forces
B. Light Infantry
C. Special Forces
D. Airborne

2. Who has the highest rank in the U.S. Army?

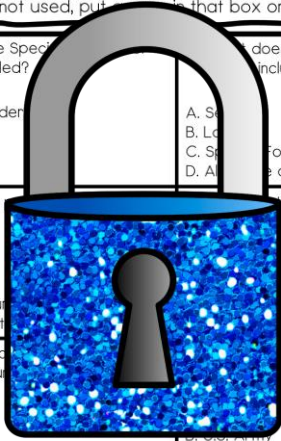
A. President
B. Congress
C. Supreme Court
D. Vice President

3. The U.S. Space Force was established in 2019. What is the largest and oldest branch of the military?

A. Trump
B. Obama
C. Clinton
D. Biden

A. U.S. Army
B. U.S. Navy
C. U.S. Coast Guard
D. U.S. Marines

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

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 |
|--|--------|
| STATION 1: [] [] [] [] | [] |
| STATION 2: A B C D E F | [] |
| STATION 3: A 75 B 25 C 50 D 100 E 100 F 75 G 50 H 25 | [] |
| STATION 4: [] [] [] [] | [] |
| STATION 5: 1 2 3 4 5 6 | [] |

Do your math in this area:

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

A# [] B# [] C# [] D# []

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.

1. The LAST number of the lock is the minimum age in any branch MINUS 10.

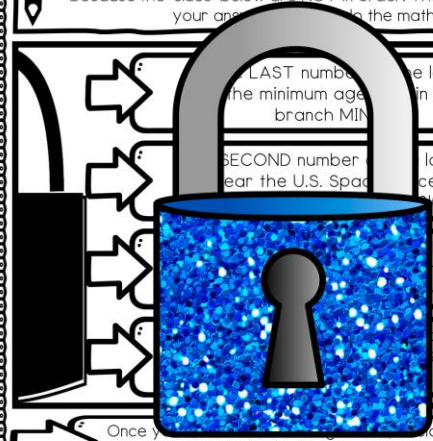
2. The SECOND number of the lock is the year the U.S. Space Force was established.

3. The THIRD number of the lock is the number of states in the United States.

4. The FOURTH number of the lock is the number of SEALS in the U.S. Navy.

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



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. The 4-digit code will be recorded on your answer sheet.

1. In 1821, the U.S. Army established the 1st Cavalry Division. 4. Civil War. 7. Revolution.

2. In 1787, the U.S. Army established the 1st Infantry Division. 5. oldest. 8. new.

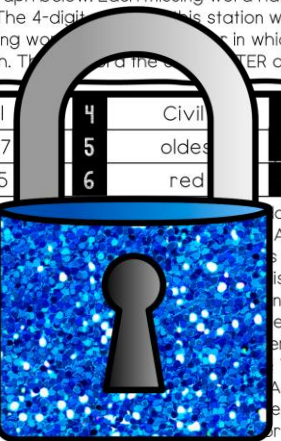
3. In 1775, the U.S. Army established the 1st Continental Congress. 6. red. 9. black.

When the U.S. Army was created from England, it was a military organization focused on warfare. The United States Army was established on June 14, 1775. Most of the soldiers were British soldiers who were peacetime soldiers. They worked on farms and in the military to fight for independence. The U.S. Army was established in Washington, D.C. to represent the U.S. Army, but over time, the Army adopted different patterns and colors. The U.S. Army is the largest and oldest branch of the military. The Army handles ground combat missions. Special Forces in the Army are called Green Berets.

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

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 4-digit code. One digit of the code will be provided for you. For example, if you color a 75-cent coin, the first digit of the code will be 7, and if you color a 25-cent coin, the second digit will be 5.

A 75 A. The U.S. Army is heavily armed, organized, and trained for war.

B 25 B. The headquarters of the U.S. Army are located at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

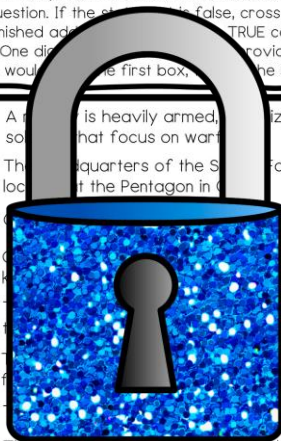
C 50 C. The U.S. Army is the largest and oldest branch of the military.

D 100 D. The U.S. Coast Guard was established August 4, 1790.

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

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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 once or not at all. Follow the directions below to determine the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A The Secretary of Defense is in charge of all military branches except for the Coast Guard.

B An elite group of the Navy is known as the Navy SEALs, Air and Land Forces - or Navy SEALs.

C Today, the Department of Defense (DOD) is the largest federal agency.

D During peacetime, the U.S. Army is within the Department of Defense.

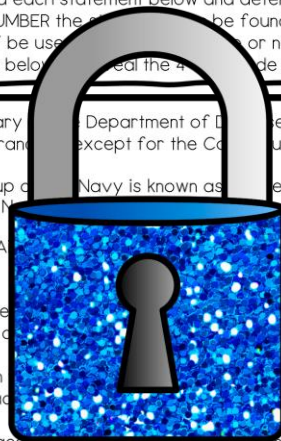
E It is common for U.S. Army soldiers to have a duty and four years of in-service pay.

F The U.S. Space Force was established December 20, 2019, under President Donald Trump.

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 4 NO 7 NO 6

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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

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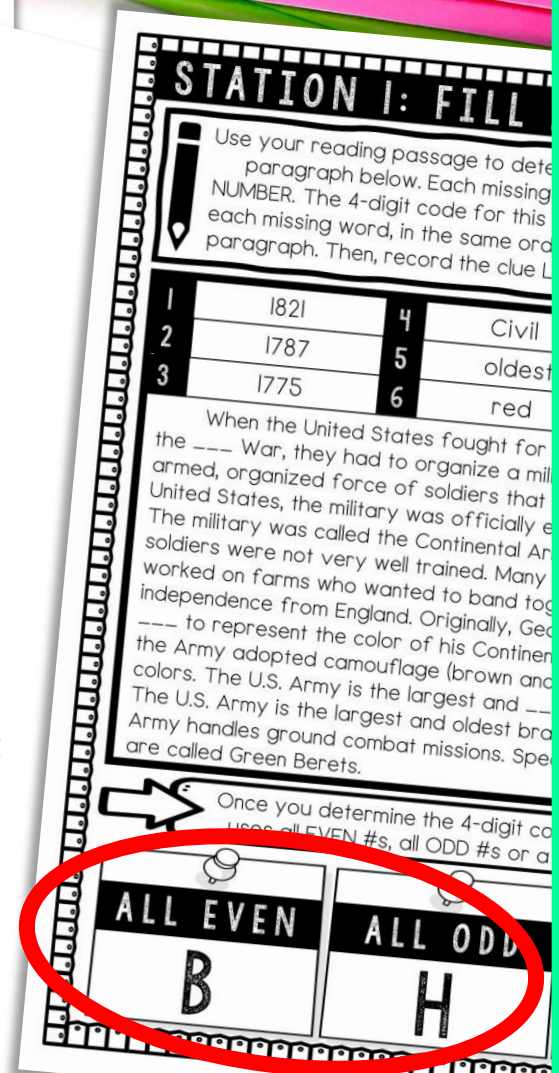
**STUDENTS WILL
USE THE SAME
READING
PASSAGE AT
EACH STATION
SEEKING
ANSWERS AND
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

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 4-digit code. Write the NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this word is 1821. Write each missing word, in the same order as the paragraph. Then, record the clue letter.

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|---|------|---|--------|
| 1 | 1821 | 4 | Civil |
| 2 | 1787 | 5 | oldest |
| 3 | 1775 | 6 | red |

When the United States fought for the ____ War, they had to organize a military force of soldiers that were not very well trained. Many soldiers were not very well trained. Many worked on farms who wanted to band together to represent the color of his Continental Army adopted camouflage (brown and green) to represent the color of his Continental Army. The U.S. Army is the largest and oldest branch of the U.S. Army. The U.S. Army handles ground combat missions. Special Forces units are called Green Berets.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, write the letter in the box below. Use ALL EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination.

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| ALL EVEN | ALL ODD |
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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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