

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Close Reading Activities in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills *and* reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK

OVERVIEW

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer. **Once they complete this task, they'll use the passage to complete the remaining tasks.**

TASK 2: FIND AND FIX

Students will read 10 INCORRECT statements, find the correct answer in the reading passage and then rewrite the CORRECT sentence.

TASK 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage. The end result will be a secret code word.

TASK 4: MAIN IDEA

Students will complete a graphic organizer about the main idea. They will need to write TWO main ideas or summary statements. They will then need to provide 3 pieces of supporting details from the text for each main idea.

GRADE LEVEL

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Cross off the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

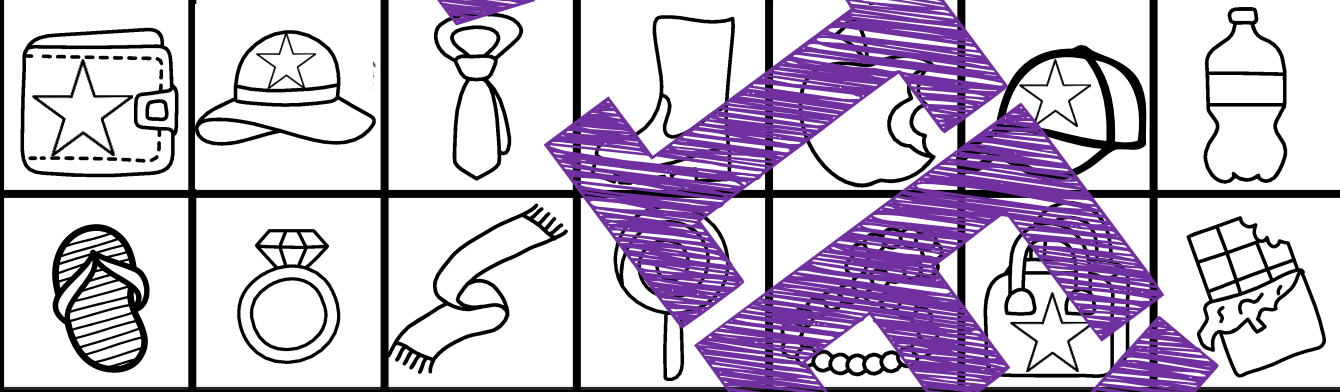
SUSPECT



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



TIME





EARN THIS!

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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 1775-1781, 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

Name: _____

TASK 2: FIND & FIX



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Read the INCORRECT statements and FIX the underlined errors on the line below. Rewrite the sentence to make it a CORRECT statement.

1. The Revolutionary War was fought by the 13 Colonies and Germany.

6. Friedrich Wilhelm Baron von Steuben was a military general from Spain.

2. The Continental Army was led by Commander in Chief Henry Knox.

7. Valley Forge is located in Virginia.

3. Martha Washington lived on the estate called the Hermitage.

8. The Battle of Oswego occurred in June of 1778.

4. Nine redoubts (defense walls) were built around the encampment.

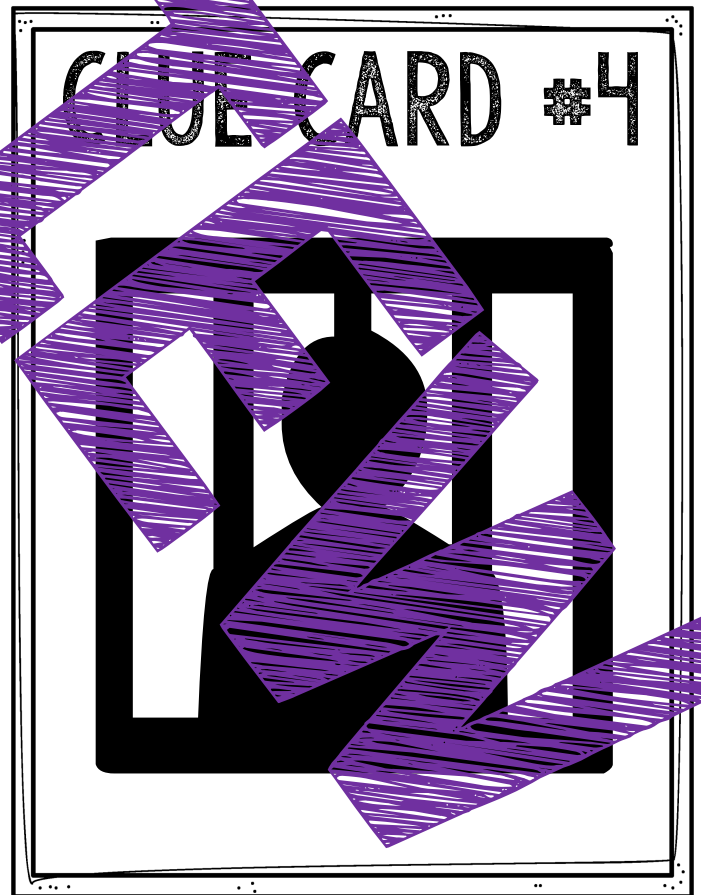
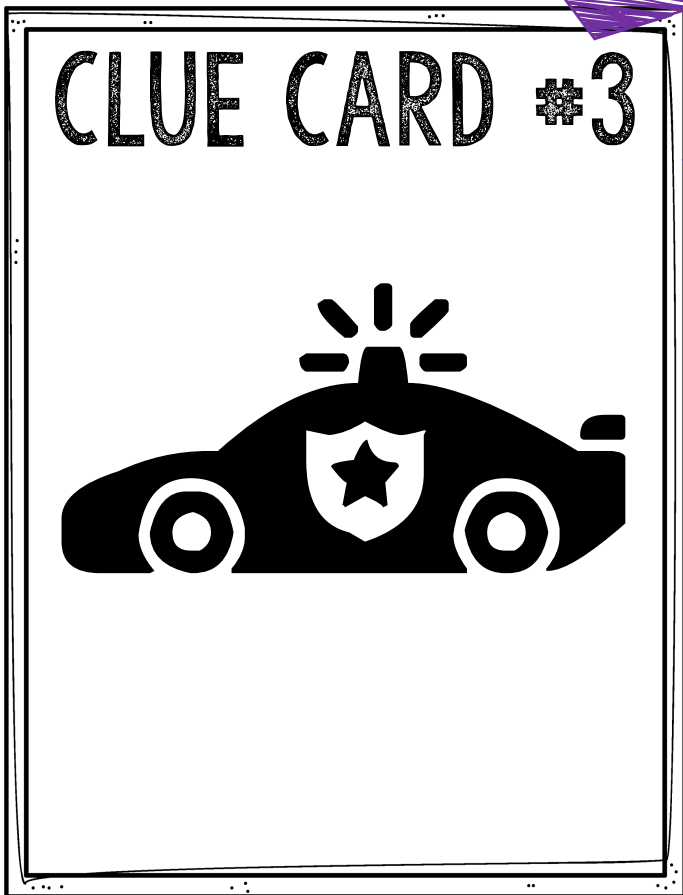
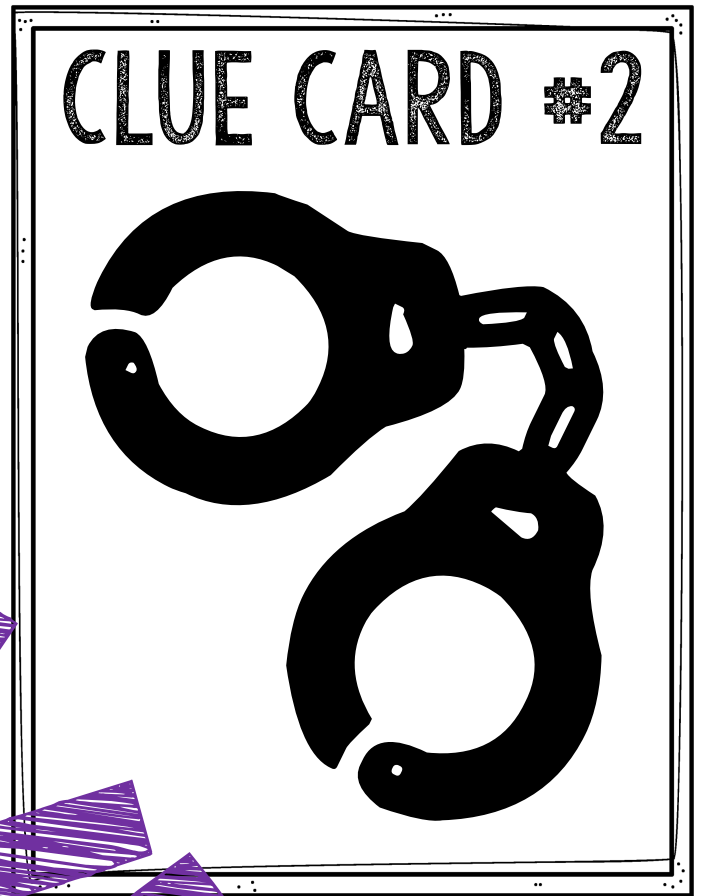
9. Washington and his troops arrived at Valley Forge six days before Easter.

5. General Lafayette set up an operation for bringing supplies into the camp.

10. At the time, Marquis de Lafayette was just 24 years old.

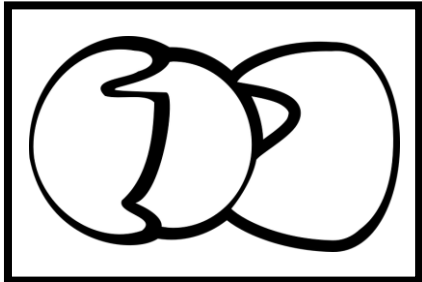
ENVELOPE OR TABLE TENT LABELS

Stuff the corresponding clue cards in envelopes or pile them by "symbol" on the table.



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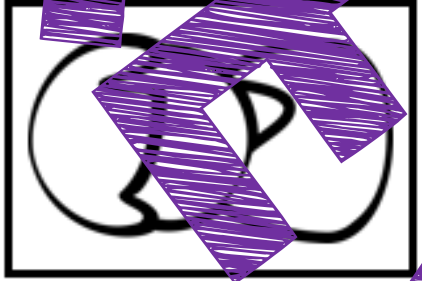
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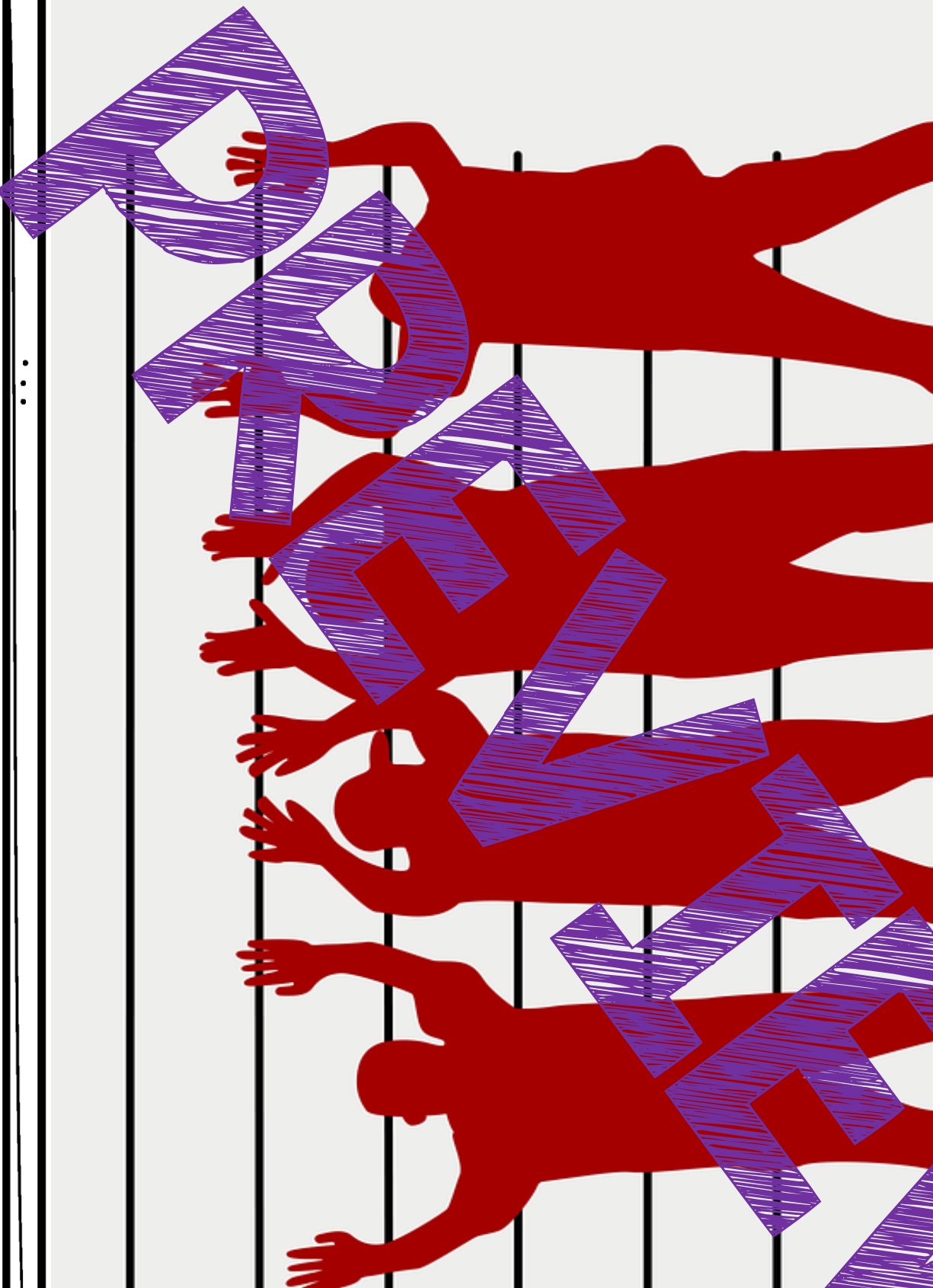
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