

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

FOUNDING FATHERS

The Founding Fathers were responsible for the start of the United States. They decided to become independent from Britain in 1776 and established the federal (national) government. These men led the United States to independence and freedom. Their ideas determined the shape of the United States. Their focus was on a government with limited power that still provided guaranteed liberties and freedoms to the citizens.

George Washington was the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He was later chosen to lead the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia where the U.S. Constitution was written. He went on to become the first President of the United States from 1789 to 1797.

Alexander Hamilton proved to be a skilled military man during the American Revolution (1775-1783). Hamilton wanted a strong federal government for the country. Hamilton helped states understand the need for a strong federal government through his essays that he published. He would also become the first Secretary of Treasury.

Benjamin Franklin helped write the Declaration of Independence. Franklin suggested the first meeting that would become known as the First Continental Congress. He worked with other countries like France, to get help fighting Britain. He was the nation's first Postmaster General. He is sometimes called the "First American". Franklin also had many inventions that we still use today, such as bifocals.

John Adams was a strong advocate for freedom from Britain. He worked closely with others to draft the Declaration of Independence. Adams would help get funding from other countries to fight the war. Adams was the first Vice President of the United States. He would later become America's second President.

Samuel Adams grew up in a family involved in politics and business. He formed a group of Patriots called the Sons of Liberty to protest British taxes. The group was originally called the Loyal Nine and was formed to protest the

3 Which President made the Louisiana Purchase?



Hamilton



Monroe



Jefferson



Washington

4 What was the Sons of Liberty originally called?



Loyal Nine



Liberty Seven



Patriot Five



Founding Six

5 What word means plan of government?



Liberties



Confederal



Articles



Constitution

6 Hamilton was America's first Secretary of _____.



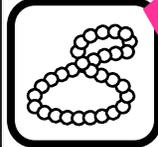
Defense



Treasury



State



Education

7

Who was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?



Adams



Hamilton



Freeman



Jay

8

Where was the Constitutional Convention?



Cleveland



Washington DC



Boston



Philadelphia

9

When was the Boston Tea Party?



1770



1773



1776



1779

10

Who organized the Sons of Liberty?



John Adams



Samuel Adams



James Monroe



James Madison

CASE FILE

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

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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