

# 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
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS</b>	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.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	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.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as 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

EARN THIS!

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

shared	pay	Thursday
banks	ten	Oklahoma
crop	food	drop

The Great Depression happened in the 1930s and lasted about \_\_\_\_\_ years. It was a terrible economic time in America and the rest of the world. Many Americans were out of jobs, had no money, shelter or \_\_\_\_\_. Debts (money owed) began to increase.

The stock market is an important component (part) of how the Great Depression started. A stock is a \_\_\_\_\_ ownership in a company. Anyone can invest, or buy, a stock, or a part of a company. In the 1920s, the stock market value was increasing, so many people were investing (buying) heavily into it. However, stock value soon began to \_\_\_\_\_, and people tried selling their stocks to ensure they didn't lose their money. Everyone selling at once led to the crash of the market in \_\_\_\_\_. This meant that stocks lost all of their value and people's money was worthless. The day the stock market crashed is known as 'Black \_\_\_\_\_':

The Great Depression started after the stock market crashed, the failure of \_\_\_\_\_ also contributed to it. When the Depression hit, many people tried to pull their money out from their bank accounts all once. Before the Depression, people had also borrowed money from banks on credit. In fact, too much money was borrowed and now people were unable to \_\_\_\_\_ it back. Too much borrowing and many people trying to withdraw at the same time, meant banks didn't have enough money, leaving banks to fail and people without their savings.

Another thing that contributed to the Great Depression was a drought (no rain) in the Great Plains. The Great Plains consisted of parts of Colorado, Kansas, Texas, \_\_\_\_\_, and New Mexico. The lack of water meant farmers were struggling to produce enough crops. It became known as the Dust Bowl because the lack of rain coupled with high winds brought a lot of dust storms. Many farmers lost

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



EARN THIS!

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.** Herbert Hoover was America's 29<sup>th</sup> president.



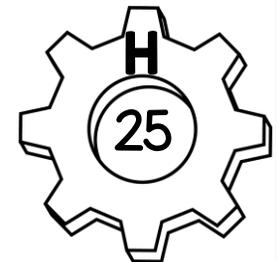
**B.** The Great Depression lasted about 19 years.



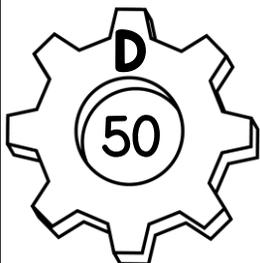
**C.** FDR promised the people a program called the New Deal.



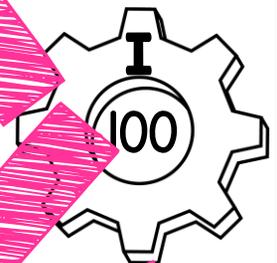
**D.** The crash of the stock market was in 1929.



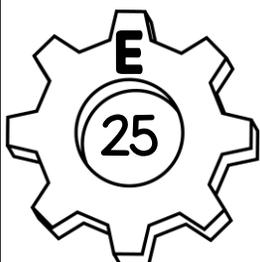
**E.** The Great Plains consisted of parts of Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.



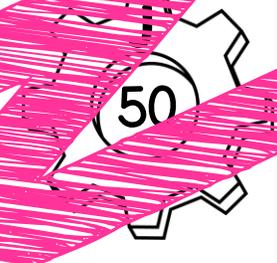
**F.** The Roaring 20s led to companies making too many products.



**G.** The word 'debt' means money saved.



**H.** The Great Depression in the US affected the whole world.



**I.** In 1941, the Civil War began and brought on many new jobs.

**J.** A stock is a shared ownership in a company.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

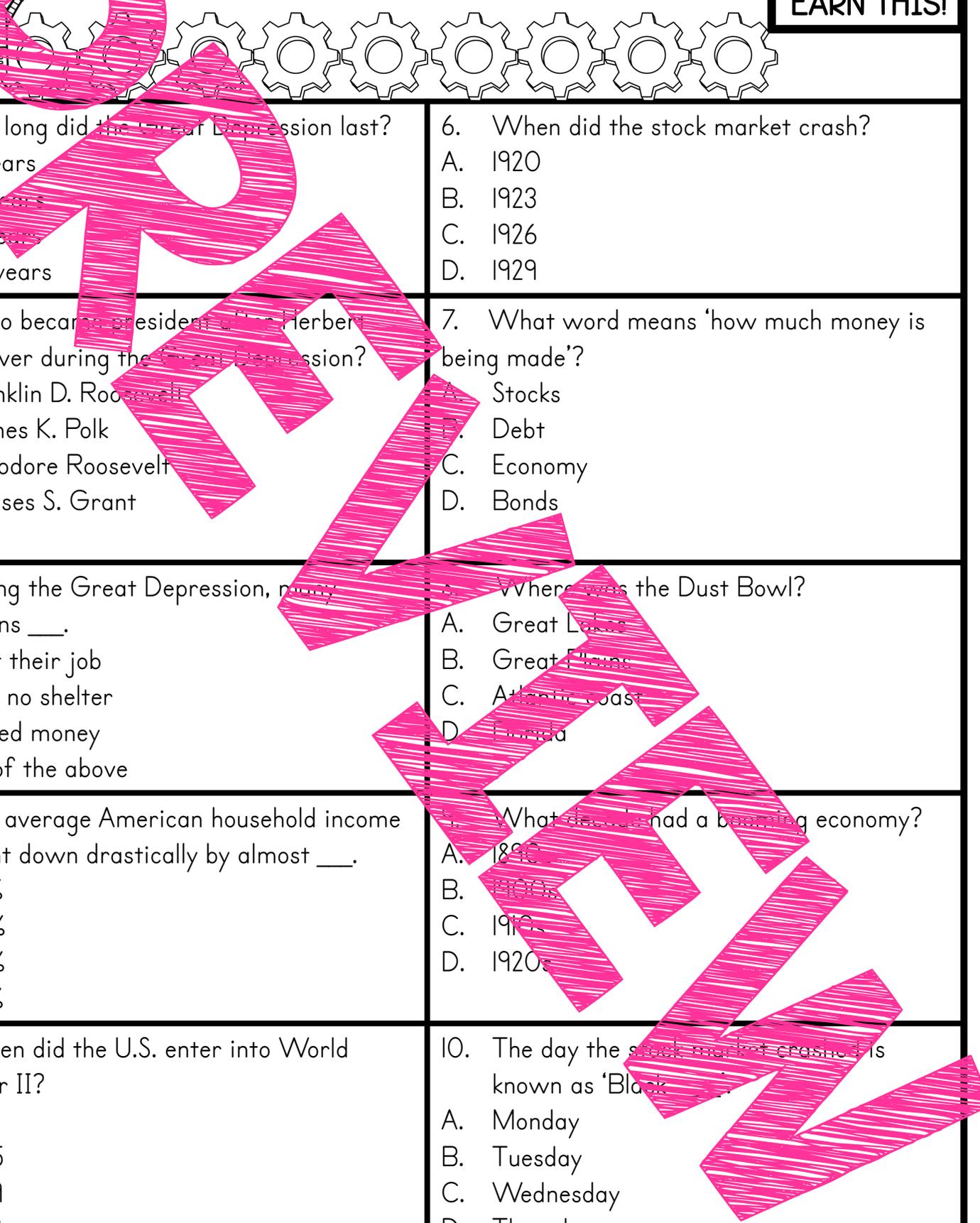
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. How long did the Great Depression last?

- A. 5 years
- B. 10 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 20 years

2. Who became president after Herbert Hoover during the Great Depression?

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. James K. Polk
- C. Theodore Roosevelt
- D. Ulysses S. Grant

3. During the Great Depression, many Americans \_\_\_\_.

- A. Lost their job
- B. Had no shelter
- C. Owed money
- D. All of the above

4. The average American household income went down drastically by almost \_\_\_\_.

- A. 20%
- B. 40%
- C. 60%
- D. 80%

5. When did the U.S. enter into World War II?

- A. 1941
- B. 1945
- C. 1949
- D. 1952

6. When did the stock market crash?

- A. 1920
- B. 1923
- C. 1926
- D. 1929

7. What word means 'how much money is being made'?

- A. Stocks
- B. Debt
- C. Economy
- D. Bonds

8. Where was the Dust Bowl?

- A. Great Lakes
- B. Great Plains
- C. Atlantic coast
- D. Florida

9. What decade had a booming economy?

- A. 1890s
- B. 1900s
- C. 1910s
- D. 1920s

10. The day the stock market crashed is known as 'Black \_\_\_\_'.

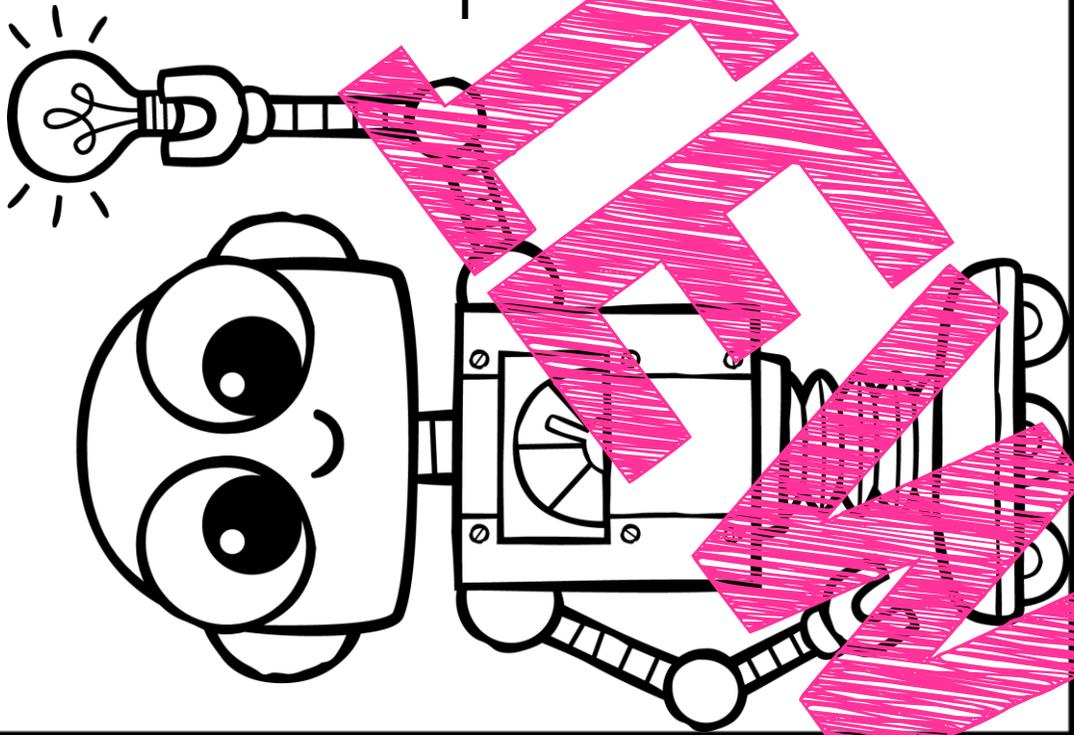
- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Thursday

# BOT CARDS

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



# Brilliant Bot Builder



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*For successfully  
completing 6 reading  
comprehension tasks.*

# MORE RESOURCES

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