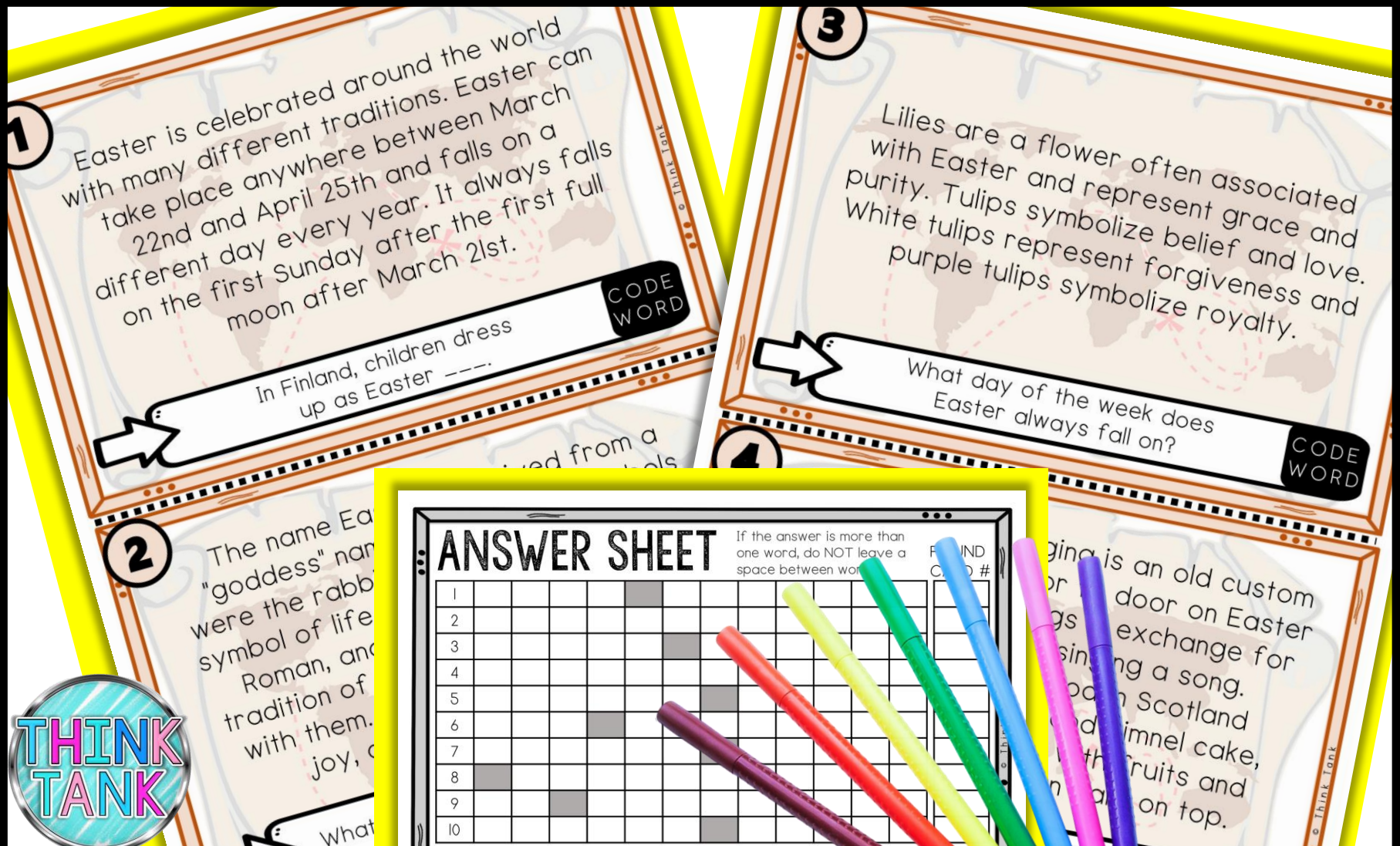


EASTER TRADITIONS

SCAVENGER HUNT



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

1 Easter is celebrated around the world with many different traditions. Easter can take place anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th and falls on a different day every year. It always falls

3 Lilies are a flower often associated with Easter and represent grace and purity. Tulips symbolize belief and love. White tulips represent forgiveness and purple tulips symbolize royalty.

What day of the week does Easter always fall on? **CODE WORD**

5 Easter in Mexico is celebrated across two weeks and viewed as one of the most important holidays in the country. Celebrations begin with a large parade across the town. Many Mexicans do not consume meat during this time and instead,

7 In the Ukraine, the art of painting eggs is called pysanka. This process involves using wax and dyes to color each egg. Designs are first sketched on the raw egg in pencil, then a small hole is drilled in the egg to extract the contents inside. Wax is applied on the design lines with a tool called a kistka. Lastly, the egg is dipped in the dye. This tradition became widely practiced in 1991.

A traditional Easter food in Scotland is ___ cake. **CODE WORD**

9 In Greece, Easter is known as the day of the strongest egg. During the Easter dinner, families sit around the table and choose their red dyed egg. The one who cracks their egg, and the one who has the strongest egg remains uncracked. They continue to do this until only one egg remains uncracked. The strongest egg is said to bring good luck for the coming year. Hard boiled eggs are eaten on Easter along with other traditional foods like lamb and tsoureki, a traditional Greek bread on Thursday and enjoyed on Friday.

In what country would you find a traditional Easter food called Carrot Cake? **CODE WORD**

10 During Easter, American children receive an average of 400 pieces of candy. The most popular candy is the marshmallow Peep.

TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages which contain a "clue" or code word. After finishing each passage, students will need to write them down on the recording sheet.

Part 2: Using the code word on each reading card, students will unscramble the letters in the gray boxes to find the code word.

All you have to do is print the 10 reading cards and hide them! The more difficult the reading cards, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will stay engaged!

You will need to print **PAGE 10** for EVERY STUDENT.

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. **FOUND CARD #**

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FINAL CODE WORD ANSWER: _____

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you.

WORD

SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL

4 DIGIT CODE

Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above, follow these clues.

Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just one letter.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter _____.

VAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

10 READING CARDS

1 Easter is celebrated around the world with many different traditions. Celebrations take place anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th and fall on a different day every year. It always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21st.

In Finland, children dress up as Easter _____.

3 Tulips are a flower often associated with Easter and represent growth and purity. Tulips symbolize belief and hope. White tulips represent forgiveness and purple tulips symbolize royalty.

What day of the week does Easter always fall on?

5 Easter in Mexico is celebrated across two weeks and viewed as one of the most important holidays in the country. Celebrations begin with a large parade across the town. Many Mexicans do not consume meat during this time and instead, traditional Easter dishes contain fish and shellfish. Capirotada is a traditional bread pudding made with bread, dry and fresh fruit, nuts, sugar, tortillas, butter and cheese. Bacalao is a popular dish made with salted cod, tomatoes, and olives.

In what country is the art of painting eggs called pysanka?

2 The name Easter is derived from a "goddess" named Eostre. Her symbols were the rabbit and the egg. The symbol of life to ancient Egypt, Greece, Roman, and Persian civilizations.

4 In Scotland, pace-egging is an old custom where children go door to door on Easter Sunday asking for eggs in exchange for reciting a poem or singing a song. Traditional Easter food in Scotland includes a roast lamb and Simnel cake.

In Finland, children dress up as Easter witches. They go door to door and say a blessing that is believed to drive away evil spirits, and in exchange they receive a chocolate egg. Willow twigs are collected in time for Easter as a sign of spring, and children decorate them with colorful feathers and other embellishments. Paskha is a traditional Finnish dessert enjoyed on Easter that is made of sweetened cheese, egg and cream. Another famous

7 In the Ukraine, the art of painting eggs called pysanka. This process involves using wax and dyes to color the egg. Designs are first sketched on the egg, then a small hole is made to extract the egg white. Wax is applied on the design to create a pattern called a kistka. Lastly, the egg is placed in the dye. This tradition is widely practiced in the Ukraine.

Traditional Easter food in _____ is _____ cake.

6 In Greece, Easter is known as Spyrouli. The tradition involves cracking eggs during the dinner. The person whose egg is the most cracked chooses their lucky egg. The first person to crack their egg, and the next person cracks on top. They continue doing this until the strongest egg remains uncracked. The person who had the strongest egg is said to have good luck for the coming year. Hard boiled eggs are also eaten on Easter along with other dishes including lamb and tsoureki, a traditional sweet bread eaten on Thursday and enjoyed on Easter.

In what country would you find a traditional Easter food called Capirotada?

8 Kite Festival is a 3-day celebration in Bermuda. The Friday before Easter is known as kite day. The Kite Festival encourages everyone to fly kites. Awards are given for the biggest, strongest and most beautiful homemade kites. Most kites are brightly colored and have bold geometric designs. Cod fish cakes are one of Bermuda's traditional Easter meals. On Easter Sunday, cod fish cakes are usually served in the form of a sandwich with some mayonnaise or hot sauce.

What color Tulips represent forgiveness?

10 During Easter, Americans buy more than 1 billion marshmallow Peeps. The color pink is the most popular non-chocolate. Back in 1953 it took twenty-seven Peeps to make just one Peep. Americans also buy around 16 million Jelly Beans during Easter. The very first advertisement for Jelly Beans was in 1860, where it urged people to send the candy to soldiers fighting in the Civil War. Studies show that children prefer red Jelly Beans.

In Bermuda, the Friday before Easter is known as _____.

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

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FINAL WORD ANSWERS:

4 DIGIT CODE

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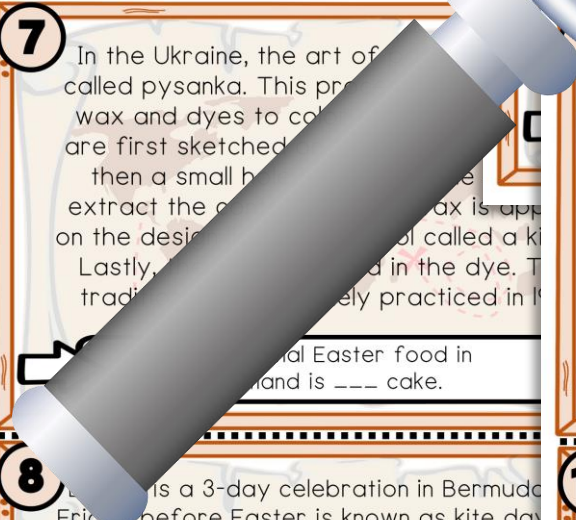
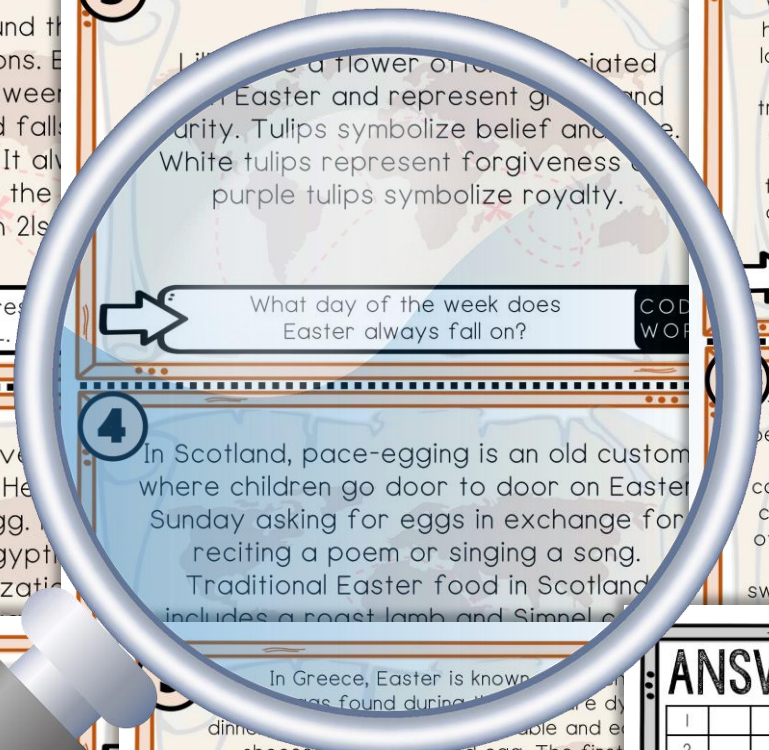
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FINAL CODE: _____

What 4 numbers are in the order you recorded them?



CITE EVIDENCE



ANSWER SHEET If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. FOUND CARD #

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FINAL WORD ANSWER: _____

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Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just letters.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter _____

FINAL CODE
What 4 numbers remain (in the order you listed them)?

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STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS

2

STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE** THEY FOUND THE ANSWER


3

STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD

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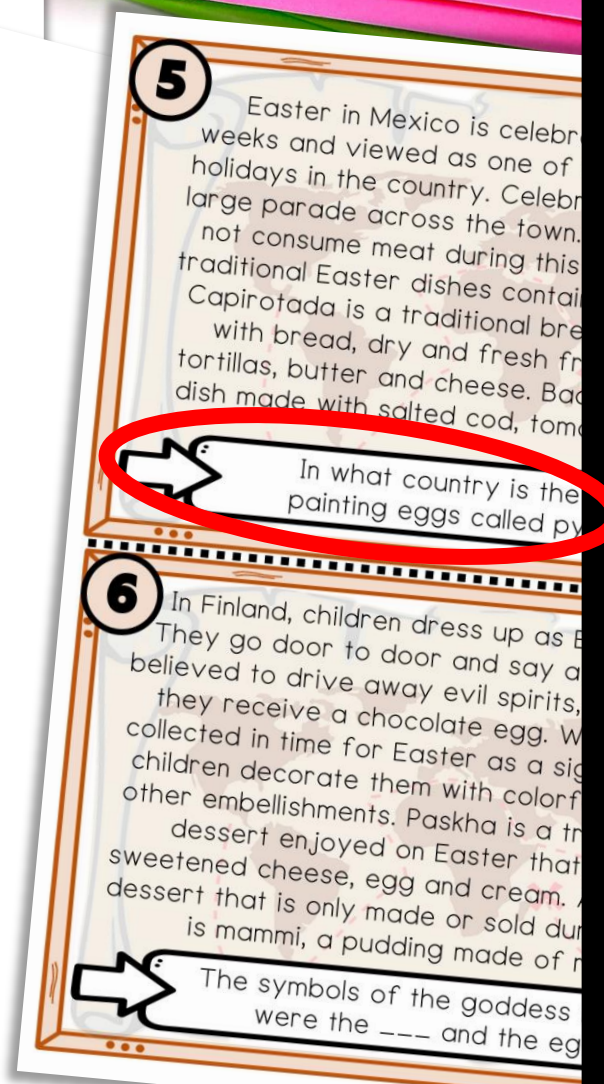
STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.
- 2 Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".
- 3 The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  MOVEMENT
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

