

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

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"Remember the Alamo!" This phrase has been pivotal in rallying the spirits of the people of Texas throughout history. The Battle of the Alamo was a conflict lasting only thirteen

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The building was important in the Mexican War of Independence where Mexico won independence from Spain in 1821. It was used to house troops as they fought the war. After Mexico won independence, immigrants from nearby United States territories started to make Texas their home. Stephen Austin brought 300 families to settle in Texas. By the 1830s, thousands of immigrants were fighting for their own independence from Mexico.



Who was the Commander-in-Chief of the Texan forces?

CODE WORD

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In December of 1835, Texan troops overwhelmed the Mexican forces at the Alamo and captured the fort. The leaders of

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The Commander-in-Chief of the Texan forces was Sam Houston. His recommendation was to abandon (leave) the Alamo because there were not enough men protecting it, but Bowie, Travis, and Crockett stayed with about 200 men. The troops at the Alamo protected the former mission as best they could and prepared to fight the Mexican forces.



The Alamo was originally built by ____ spreading Christianity into Mexico.

CODE WORD

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Instead of being discouraged, the men were more determined to gain the victory at the Alamo. The men defending the Alamo lasted 13 days against forces that were more determined to gain the victory. Word spread of the tiny mission of the Alamo. Texans thought they could defeat Mexican forces if they were more determined. Months later, Texans claimed victory at the Battle of San Jacinto near San Antonio, Texas. This was a turning point in the Texas Revolution.



The Texans, calling themselves '____', started

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After the Battle of the Alamo, the Texan soldiers would shout "Remember the Alamo!"

TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages with 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 need to 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 are, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will be able to play!

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 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 CARD 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 _____.

FINAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

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10 READING CARDS

1 "Remember the Alamo!" This phrase is pivotal in rallying the spirits of the Texas throughout history. The Battle of the Alamo was a conflict lasting only 13 days, but it is important in the history of Texas and the United States.

What country did Mexico gain independence from in 1821?

2 The Alamo is a building that you can find in San Antonio, Texas. It was originally a mission where missionaries spreading Christianity in the area. The mission was a place for them to live and work freely. Missionaries called it the 'Mission de Valero' and used the building for church services. By the 1800s, the mission was abandoned.

7 The Commander-in-Chief of the Mexican forces was Santa Anna. His recommendation was to surround the Alamo because he thought the men protecting it were weak. Davy Crockett started with only 300 men. He led his troops at the Alamo and defended the fort for 13 days. He was killed and prepared for burial by the Mexican forces.

Who was the Alamo originally built by _____ to spread Christianity into Mexico?

8 On February 23, 1836, the Battle of the Alamo took place. Mexican troops, named the Army of Operations, approached the fort. There are different accounts as to how many Mexican troops were at the Alamo, but it was somewhere between 1,800 - 6,000. The Mexican forces tried to get into the Alamo and defeat the Texans, but the Texans fought hard. They kept the Mexican troops out of the Alamo for 13 days. On March 6, 1836, the Alamo fell, and the Alamo was again in the control of the Mexican forces.

Davy Crockett was known as the "King of the _____".

3 The building was important in the Mexican War of Independence. After Mexico won independence from Spain, the Alamo was used to house Mexican troops as they fought in the war. After the war, Mexico won independence, immigrants from the nearby United States territories started to come to Texas to make Texas their home. Stephen Austin brought 300 families to settle in Texas. By the 1830s, thousands of immigrants were fighting for their own independence from Mexico.

Who was the Commander-in-Chief of the Texan forces?

4 A Mexican general named Santa Anna took control of the government of Mexico in 1829. The Texans did not like or agree with Santa Anna. The Texans, calling themselves _____, started to rebel.

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10 After the Battle of the Alamo, the Texans would shout "Remember the Alamo!" to get into battle to remind themselves that a group of men fought bravely against so many soldiers. For almost 10 years, Texas remained an independent republic, with Houston serving as the first elected president. In 1845, Texas became the 28th state of the United States. The capital of Texas was named Austin after Stephen Austin, also known as the "Father of Texas".

The Mexican troops were named the Army of _____.

5 In December of 1835, Texan troops overwhelmed the Mexican forces at the Alamo and captured the fort. The leaders of the troops now in control of the Alamo were two men named Colonel James Bowie and Lieutenant Colonel William B. Travis.

How many days long was the Battle of the Alamo?

One of the men under their command was famous frontiersman Davy Crockett. Crockett was known as the "King of the Wild Frontier" because of his travels exploring the western frontier of the United States, his experience as a soldier, and his storytelling ability. The stories were all about places not many people had seen and things not many had done in

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FINAL WORD ANSWERS:

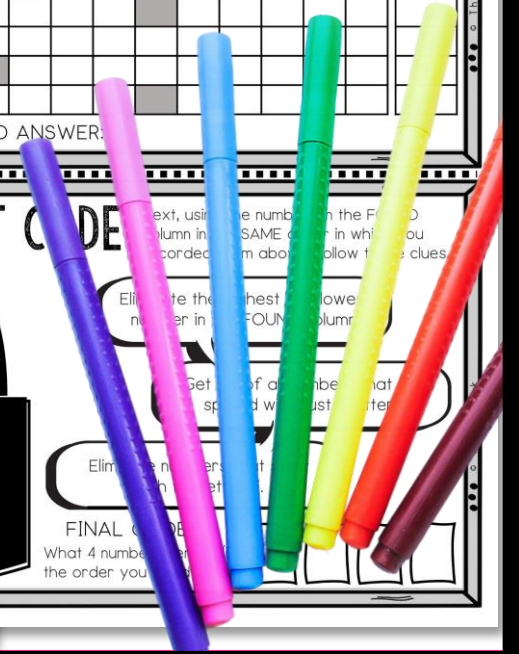
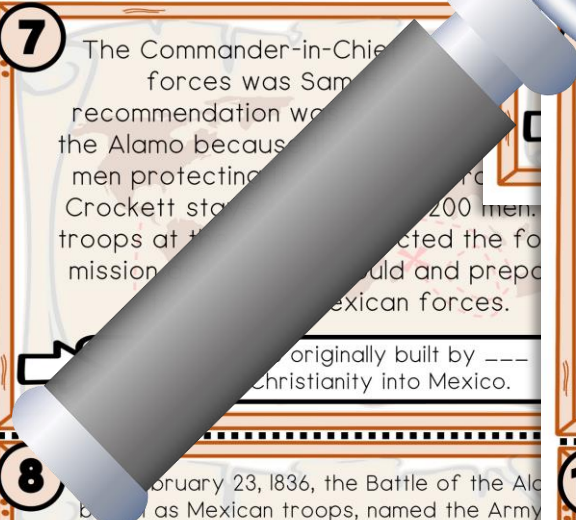
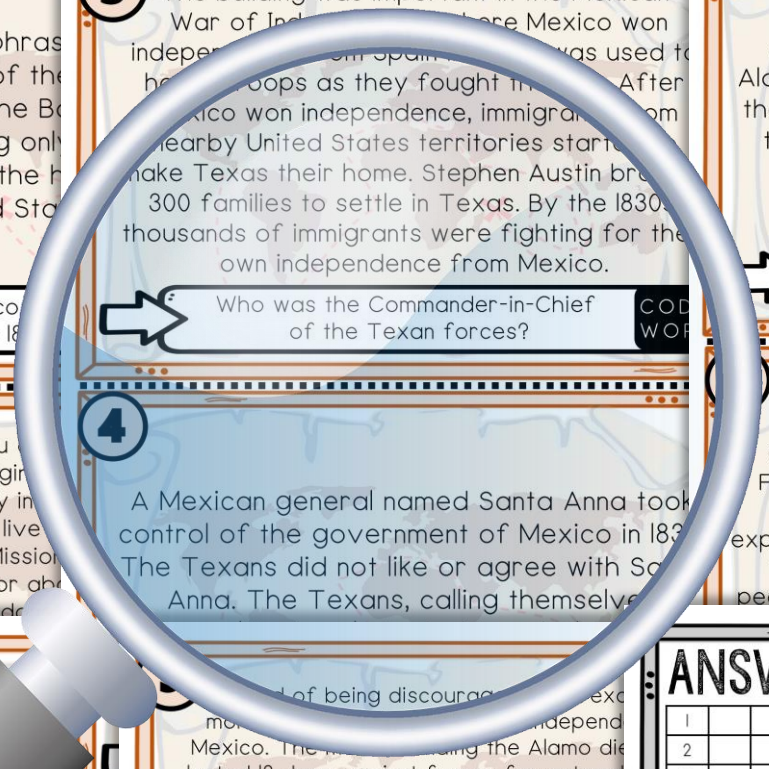
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What 4 numbers are in the order you found them?

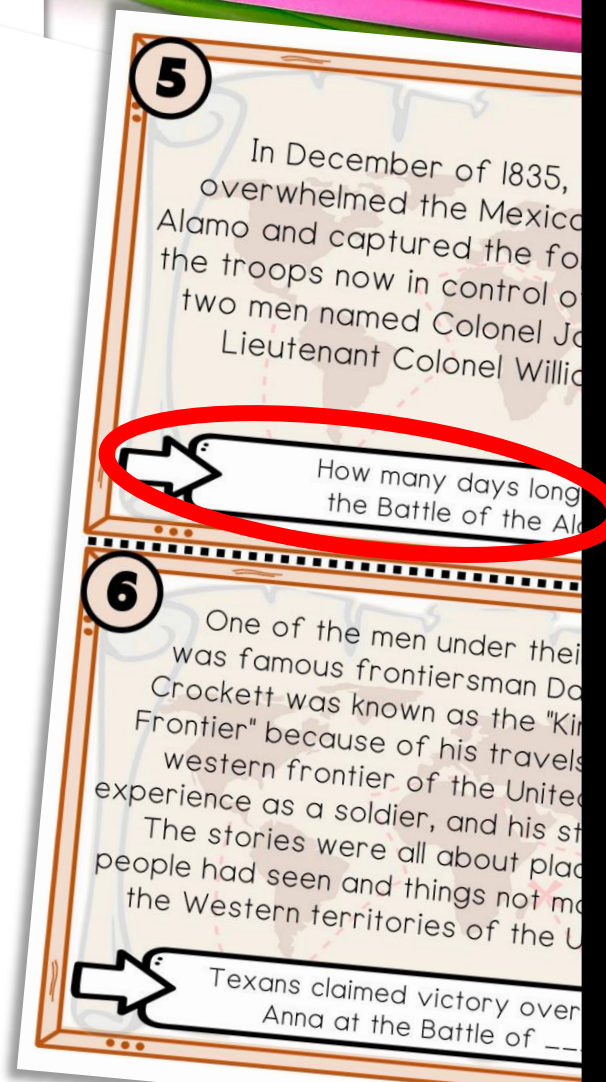


HOW IT WORKS



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

