

MARCO POLO

ESCAPE ROOM

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LEVEL 1 DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
T	S	U	X	W	Y
V			Z		

L=2	J=q	F=1
R=0	W=4	A=6
T=8	G=3	Z=5
Q=7	D=q	P=0
H=1	Y=8	B=3
N=4	C=6	K=1

LEVEL 2 DECODER

+

○	x	○
x	○	○
○	○	○

= 10

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =

○	x	○
x	○	○
○	○	○

= 8

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2

Who did Marco Polo marry?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Kokachin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donata Badoer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniela Batos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donatella Verdaccio

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4

What are people who travel to different lands to trade goods called?

Traitors

THINK TANK

RECORDING SHEET

LEVEL 1	Q1	Q2	Q3
	#	#	#

RECORDING SHEET

LEVEL 2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	#	#	#	#

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 4 PUZZLE DECODERS
- ✓ 16 MULTIPLE CHOICE Q'S
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ HINT CARDS

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Marco came from a family of merchants, people who travel to different lands to

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1 **LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**

LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1 **LEVEL 2: QUESTION 2**

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1 **LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2**

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1 **LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2**

LEVEL 1 DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L	L=2	J=9	F=1
D	E	F	M	N	O	R=0	W=4	A=6

LEVEL 2 DECODER

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =

0	0
X	0
X	0

LEVEL 3 DECODER

1 2 3

ABC DEF

LEVEL 4 DECODER

A B C D 8 0

Q 4 3

RECORDING SHEET

LEVEL 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
#	#	#	#

LEVEL 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
#	#	#	#

HOW TO DECODE

A	B	C	J	K	L	L=2	J=9	F=1
D	E	F	M	N	O	R=0	W=4	A=6
G	H	I	P	Q	R	T=8	G=3	Z=5
S	U	V	X	Y	Z	Q=7	D=9	P=0
			W	X	Y	H=1	Y=8	B=3

Find the SHAPE that relates to your answer and determine the letter it represents. Example: L would be the letter L and □ would be the letter D. Next, use the chart to determine what NUMBER the letter represents. D=9 and L=2.

This one can be tricky! First answer the FOUR questions for that level. Then, using the 'math' problems, determine what each correct letter holds as a value (number). Be sure to enter the answers in the SAME ORDER as you answer the questions. Ex: p=0, w=4, h=1, y=8, b=3

LEVEL 2 DECODER

$\odot + \odot = \odot$ A =

0	0
X	0
X	0

$\odot + \odot = 8$ B =

0	0
X	0
X	0

$\odot + \odot = 2$ C =

0	0
X	0
X	0

TEACHER DIRECTIONS

Consider printing a recording sheet for EACH student or team (pages 7-8). There are 16 recording sheets on the class set. Consider printing a recording sheet for EACH student or team (page 15). There are 16 recording sheets on the class set. Consider printing a recording sheet for EACH student or team before handing them out to students.

PUZZLE

PRECISION

SECURITY CLEARANCE: LEVEL 5

LEAD DETECTIVE

AGENT NAME

RESUME

16 QUESTIONS

MARCO POLO
Merchant and explorer born in Venice, Italy. He traveled along the Silk Road. The Silk Road was a series of trade routes that connected the East with the West. It was used for trade in goods such as silk, spices, and precious metals. Marco Polo was one of the first Europeans to travel to the East. He traveled with his father and uncle to the court of the Mongol ruler Kublai Khan. He stayed in China for 17 years and then returned to Italy. He wrote a book about his travels, which was very popular. It inspired other Europeans to travel to the East.

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1
In what country was Marco Polo born?
A Germany B Italy
C Spain D France

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
Who did Marco Polo travel with?
A Kokachin B Daniela Batos
C Habido D Curzola

LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1
Marco was put in prison at the Battle of ____.
A Kokachin B Habido
C Barzilai D Curzola

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3
He would eventually ____ the idea of ____ returned.

RECORDING SHEET
LEVEL 1
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
#

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Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
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LEVEL 1 DECODER
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N=4 C=6 K

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1
What was the summer home of Kublai Khan called?
A Shay-Zu B Shang-Tu
C Shaq-Fu D Tila-Ru

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2

LEVEL 3 DECODER
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1
What was the name of the Mongolian princess?
A Kub B Kokachin
C Pucanacua D Pocalynn

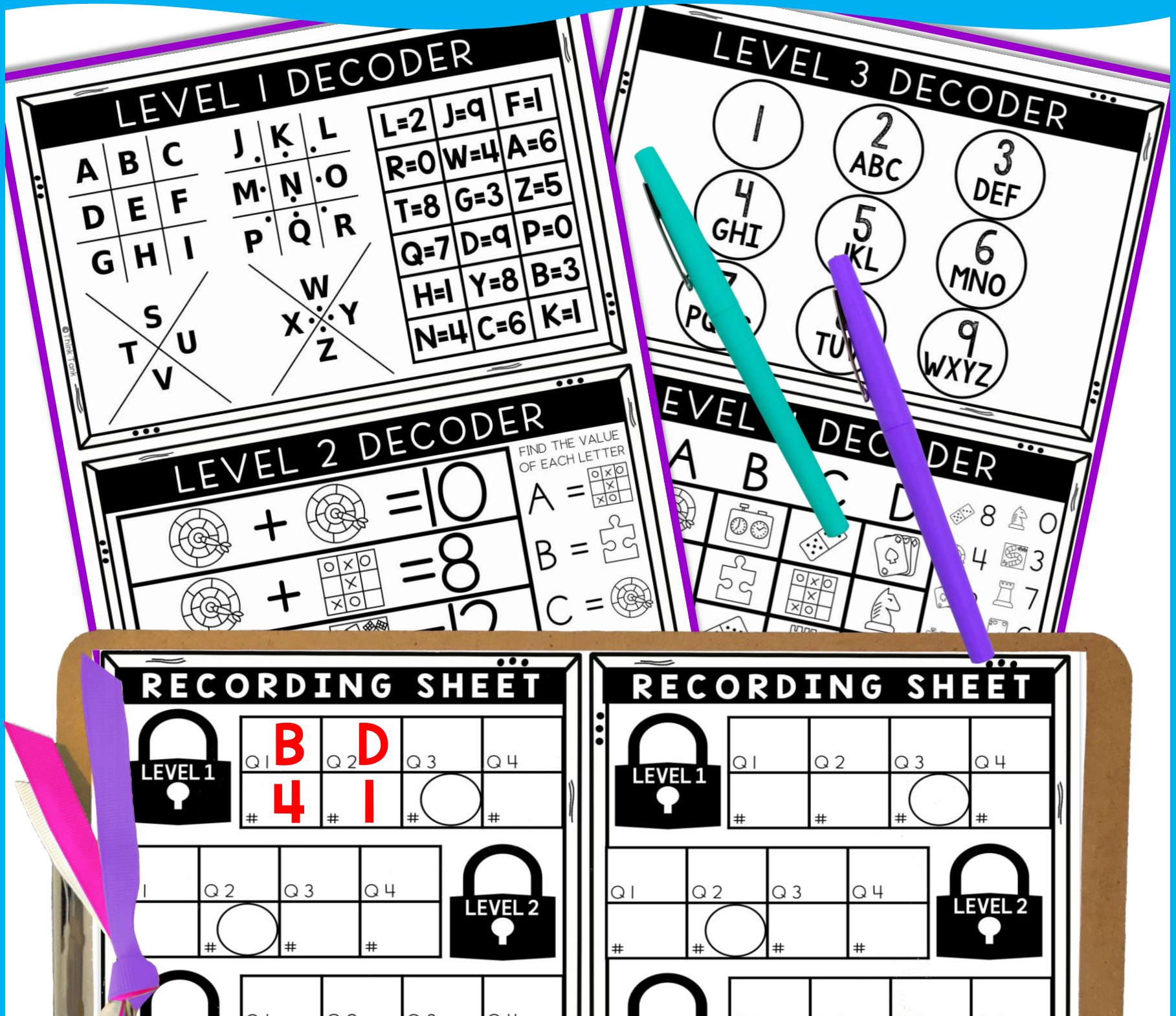
LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2
At the time, what was China known as?
A Beijing B Cathay
C Soviet Union D Tibet

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 3
How many miles long was the Silk Road?
A 2,000 B

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 4
Marco had three girls named Fantina, Bellela, and ____.

LEVEL 4 DECODER
Q1 Q2 Q3
A B C D
8 9 0
4 3
2 7
6


PUZZLE TYPES



PRINT, CUT, PLAY



HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

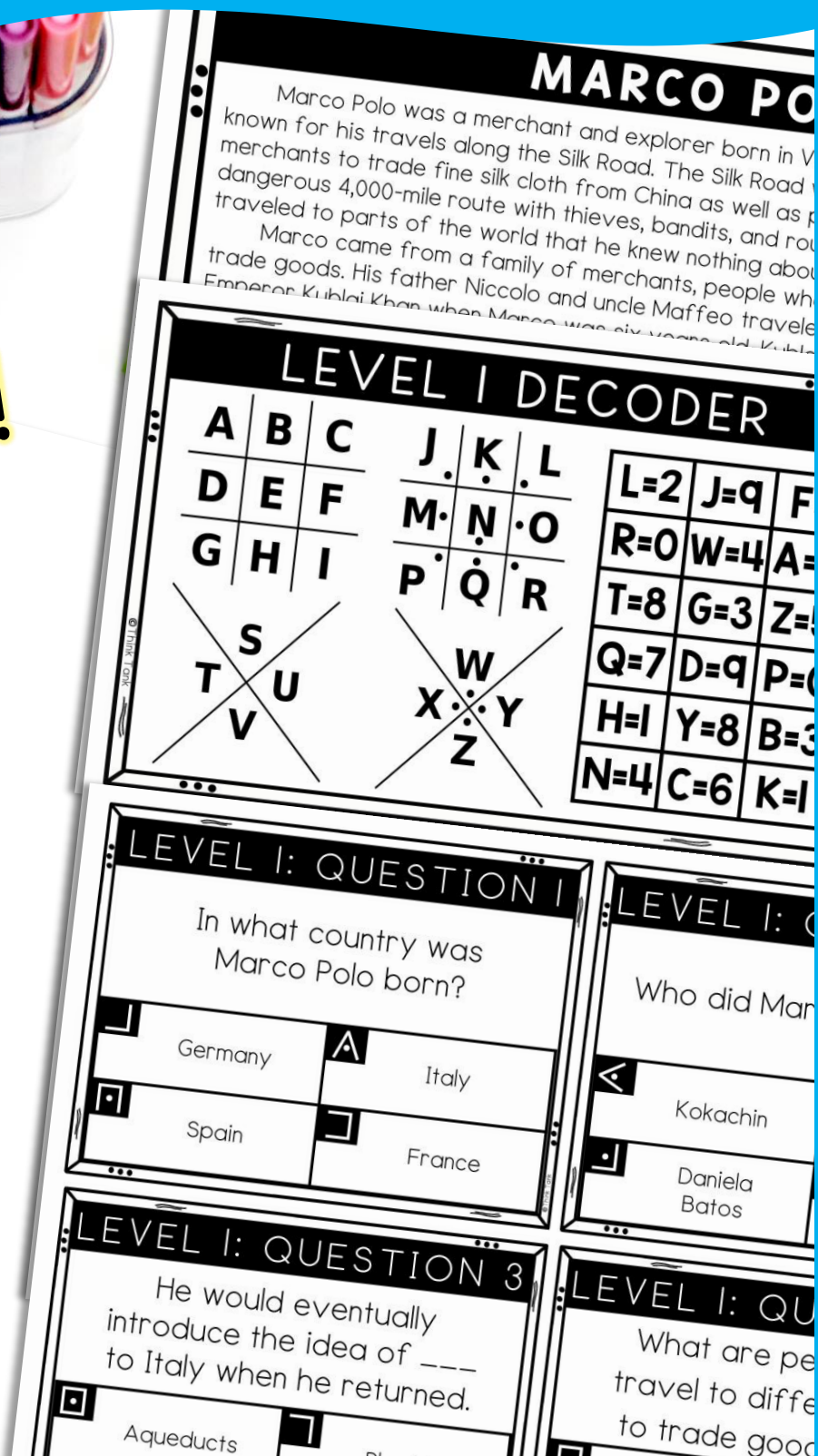
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 16 question cards.

2

Students will answer the questions found directly in the passage on their recording sheet.

3

Students will use that specific “decoder” to reveal a 4-digit code for each level.



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LEVEL I DECODER

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N=4	C=6	K=1

LEVEL I: QUESTION 1

In what country was Marco Polo born?

<input type="checkbox"/> Germany	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Italy
<input type="checkbox"/> Spain	<input type="checkbox"/> France

LEVEL I: QUESTION 2

Who did Marco Polo travel with?

<input type="checkbox"/> Kokachin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniela Batos

LEVEL I: QUESTION 3

He would eventually introduce the idea of _____ to Italy when he returned.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aqueducts	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
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LEVEL I: QUESTION 4



What are the reasons for Marco Polo's travel to different parts of the world?




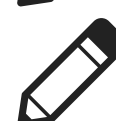
<input type="checkbox"/> to trade goods	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
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BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

-  LOW PREP
-  PRINT, CUT & PLAY
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

