

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

Close Reading Activities in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills *and* reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

## TASK

## OVERVIEW

### TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer. **Once they complete this task, they'll use the passage to complete the remaining tasks.**

### TASK 2: FIND AND FIX

Students will read 10 INCORRECT statements, find the correct answer in the reading passage and then rewrite the CORRECT sentence.

### TASK 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage. The end result will be a secret code word.

### TASK 4: MAIN IDEA

Students will complete a graphic organizer about the main idea. They will need to write TWO main ideas or summary statements. They will then need to provide 3 pieces of supporting details from the text for each main idea.

## GRADE LEVEL

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# CASE FILE DOSSIER

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

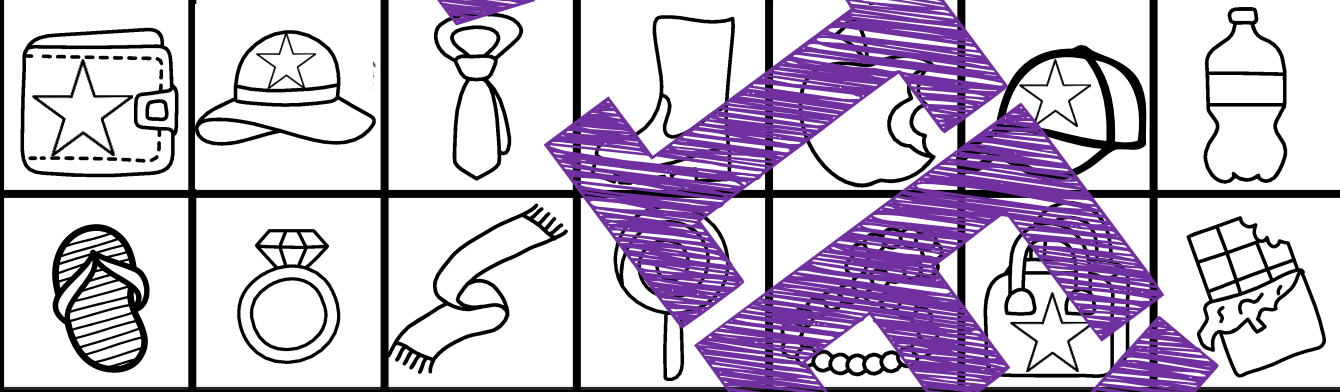
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EARN THIS!

# TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

accused	Justices	interpret
four	education	Chief
powerful	black	crime

The Supreme Court is the highest, most \_\_\_\_\_ court in the United States. This court is also at the top of the Judicial Branch (Article III) of government. The main job of the Judicial Branch is to \_\_\_\_\_ the laws. The Supreme Court is located in Washington D.C. It is a large, prominent white building with massive columns out front. The Supreme Court helps maintain a fair and just legal system for anyone accused of a \_\_\_\_\_. This court has a wide impact on people across the United States by overturning and ruling on laws and cases.

Judges of the Supreme Court are called \_\_\_\_\_. There are usually nine Justices but there have been as few as six. The head of the Justices is called the \_\_\_\_\_. The remaining eight Justices are called Associate Justices. Since the 1800's, the Justices have worn long \_\_\_\_\_ robes as a tradition. These Justices are appointed (chosen) by the President. However, the Senate must also approve them as well. This process is called Senate Confirmation.

Justices serve in the Supreme Court until retirement, impeachment, or death. Impeachment is when a high-ranking government official is \_\_\_\_\_ of misconduct while in office. There is no term limit for this position, like there are in other government positions. A life term allows Justices to not worry about 'popularity' and therefore base their court decisions on the law, not winning an election. There are no age requirements, no \_\_\_\_\_ requirements, no experience requirements, and no citizenship requirements to become a Justice.

Mostly, the Supreme Court deals with cases that have been appealed (requested a review) in lower courts. An appeal is made if someone is not happy with the ruling of a case. Not all appeals will make it to the Supreme Court, though. In fact, the Justices vote on which cases will and will not make it. \_\_\_\_\_ out of the Justices must agree to hear a case. Some cases go directly to the Supreme Court, but



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## TASK 2: FIND & FIX



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Read the INCORRECT statements and FIX the underlined errors on the line below. Rewrite the sentence to make it a CORRECT statement.

1. The main job of the Judicial Branch is to enforce the laws.

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6. The head of the Justices is called the Executive Justice.

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2. Justices are appointed by the President and approved by the House of Reps.

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7. A repeal is made if someone is not happy with the ruling of a case.

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3. When a Justice disagrees with the majority, an amending opinion is given.

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8. The Supreme Court hears 250-300 cases per year.

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4. The Brown v. Board of Education case took place in 1896.

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9. The annual court sessions run from January through late June.

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5. Six out of nine Justices must agree to hear a case.

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10. The Supreme Court was first founded in 1776 as the National Court.

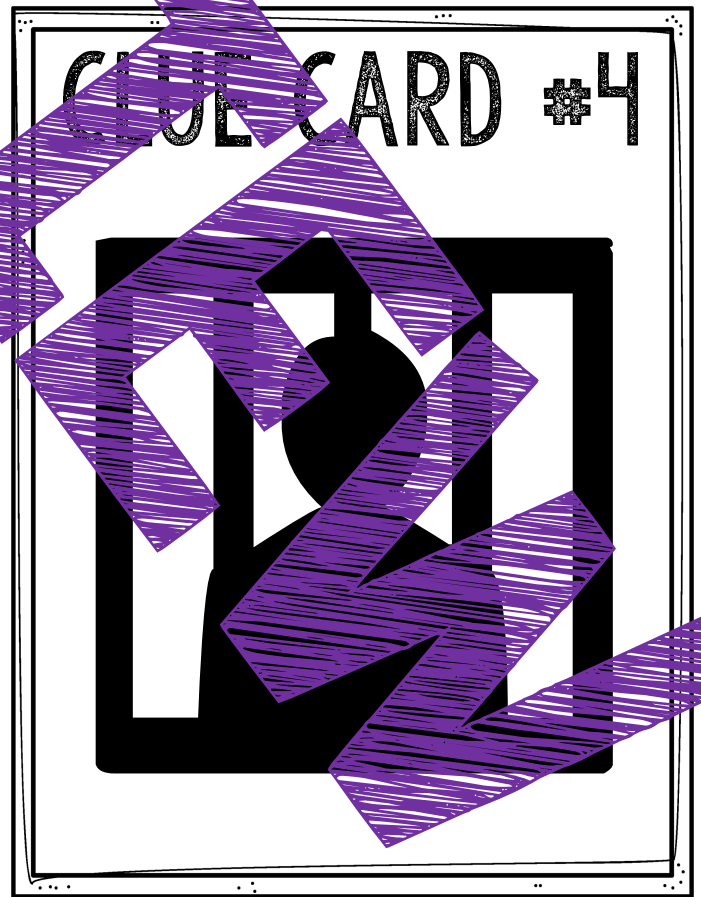
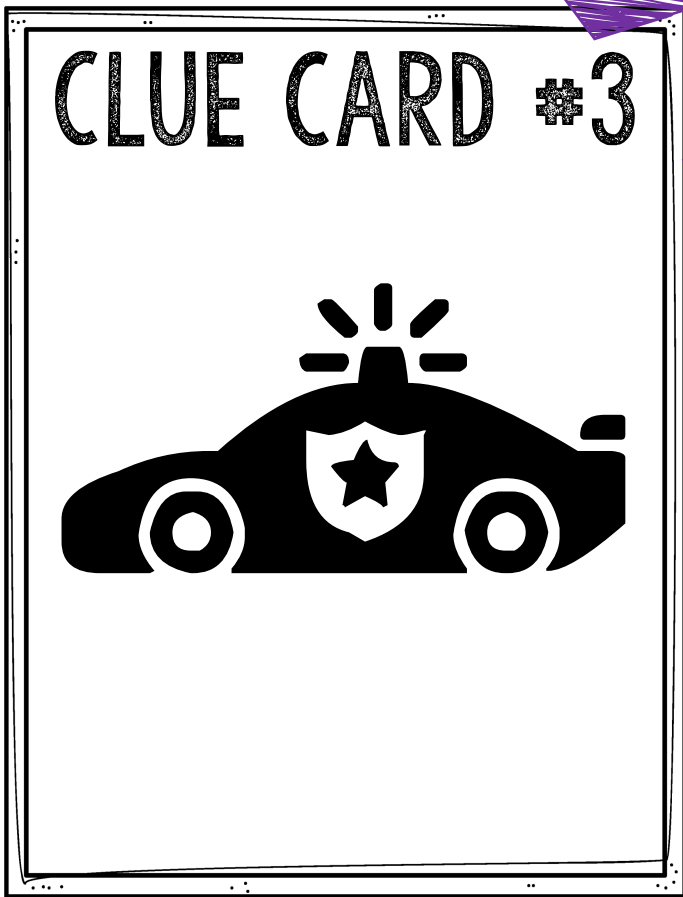
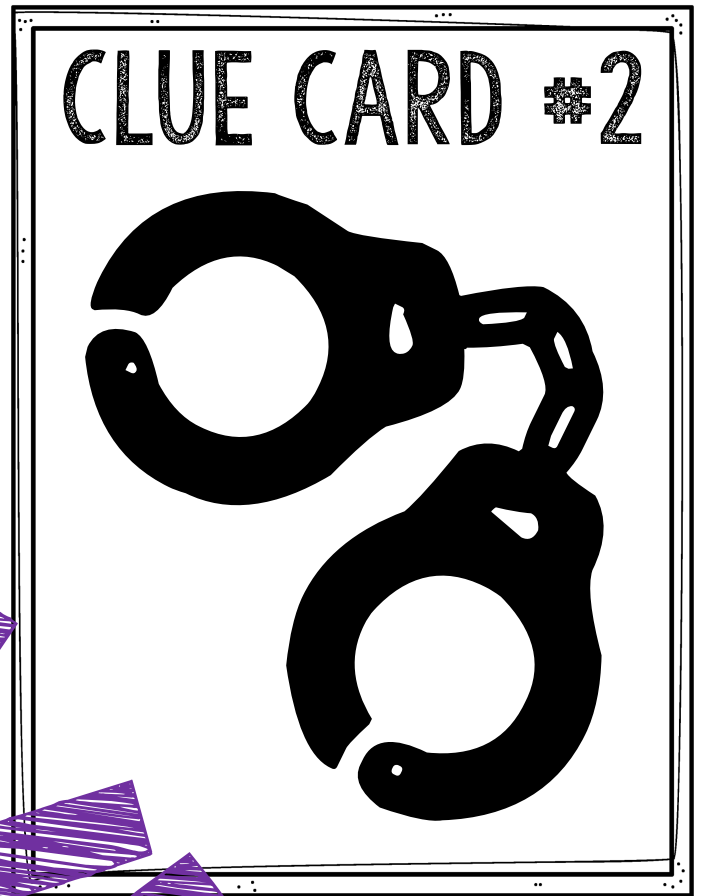
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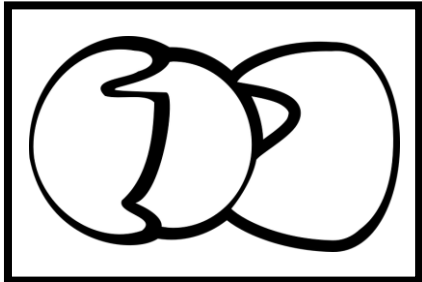
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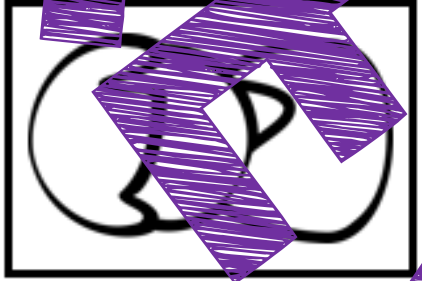
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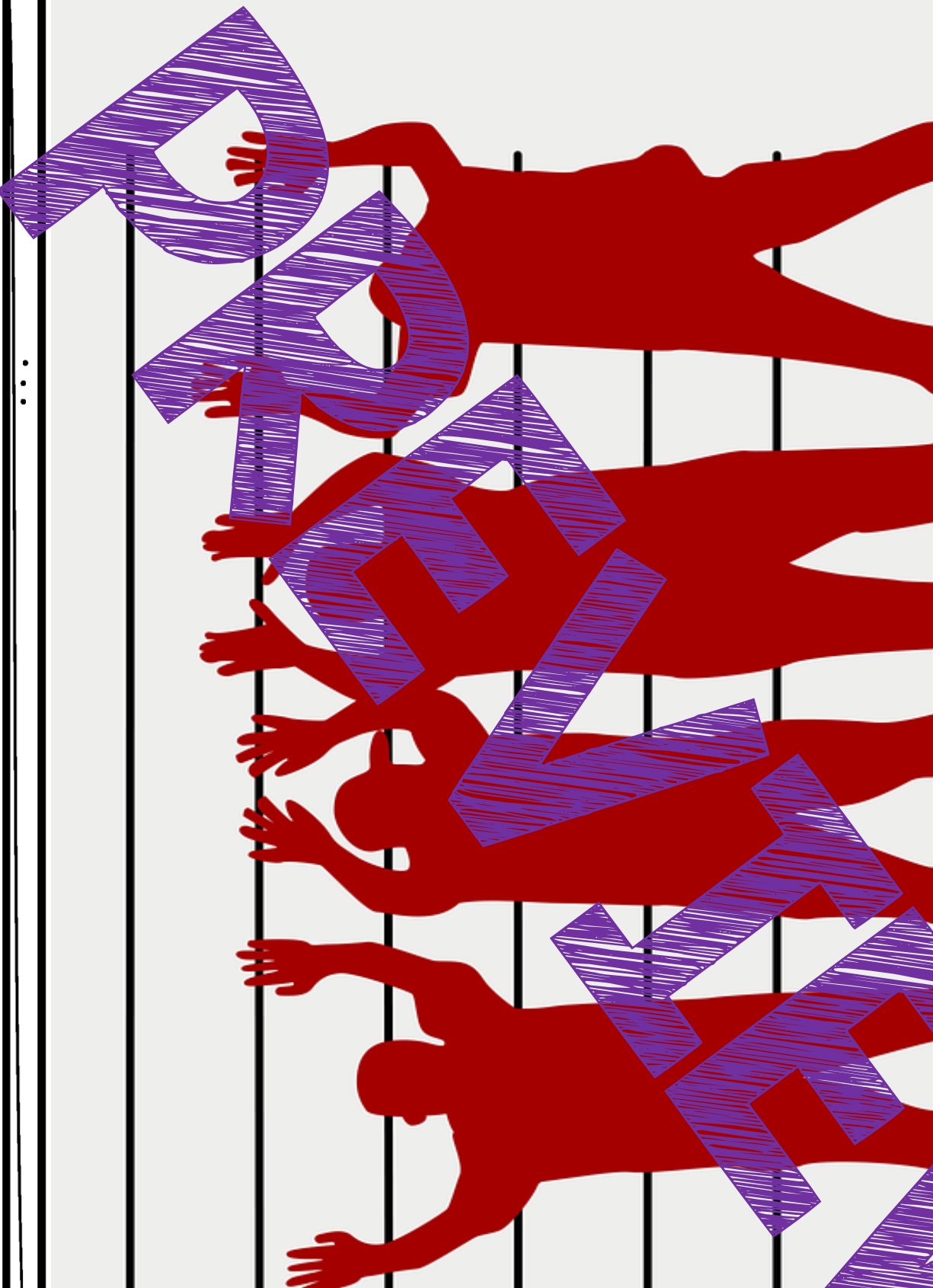
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