

# 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

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Directions Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Great Britain	Texas	doubled
two-year	Jefferson	11th
1811	thirteen	Rivers

The territory of the United States began to grow after the Revolutionary War (1775-83) through the beginning of the 19th Century. The original \_\_\_\_\_ colonies settled along the east coast of North America and very few colonists ventured west of the Appalachian Mountains. The citizens of the United States believed that the expansion of their country could only be a good thing. The phrase Manifest Destiny was used to identify this idea. They believed it was the will of the Christian God that the citizens spread their influence over the north American continent.

The United States had made it through the Revolutionary War which gave independence to the American colonies that had been held by \_\_\_\_\_. The war ended in 1783 and the new country needed more space and better trade lines to get the supplies they needed to live. The people had been using the Mississippi and Missouri \_\_\_\_\_, but they relied on the permission of the French people to use their trade ports. The government wanted to be independent and not rely on outside sources for such important trade in and out of the new country.

The Louisiana Purchase more than \_\_\_\_\_ the size of the land occupied by the United States in 1803. President Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ (3rd U.S. president) bought the land from France for \$15 million and commissioned (paid) Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery to explore the land. The crew reached the Pacific Ocean in 1805 after a \_\_\_\_\_ journey.

The United States went on to incorporate Florida into their land holdings from Spain in \_\_\_\_\_ under President James Monroe. Monroe was America's 5th president. Now United States citizens could head west or south in search of land and new opportunities.

People soon thought that \_\_\_\_\_ should be the next territory incorporated into the United States. In 1836, Texas won its independence from Spain and Mexico, asking if they could join the United States. America's \_\_\_\_\_, President James K. Polk, supported the idea of expanding west and Texas became the 28th state in 1845.

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

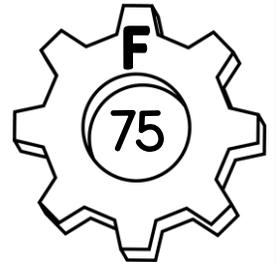


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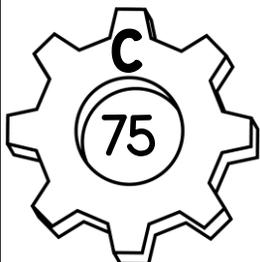
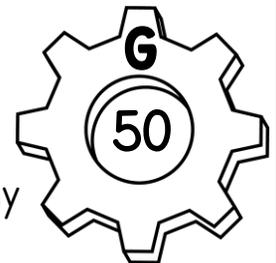
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



**A.** The Louisiana Purchase more than tripled the size of the United States in 1812.

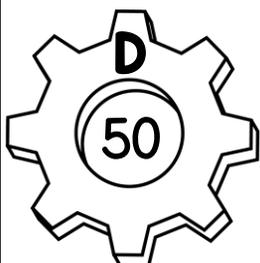


**B.** James K. Polk was America's 11<sup>th</sup> president.

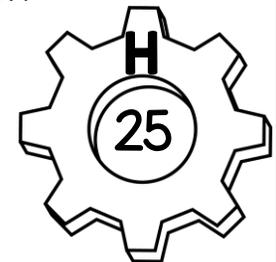


**C.** John Bull coined the term "Manifest Destiny" in a newspaper article.

**D.** Expansion of the United States was good for many people, but not for everyone.



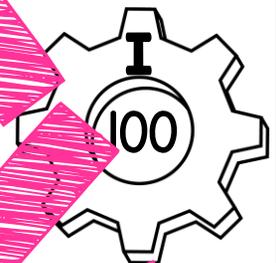
**E.** 1843 was the year known as the Great Migration on the Oregon Trail.



**F.** The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million.

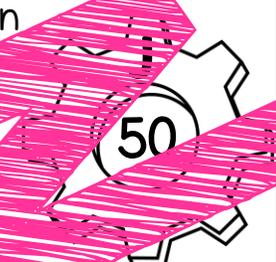


**G.** The Revolutionary War was fought from 1775-1783.



**H.** The California Gold Rush took place between 1748 and 1755.

**I.** The Corps of Discovery reached the Pacific Ocean in 1805.



**J.** The United States went on to incorporate Florida into their land holdings from France in 1827.

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

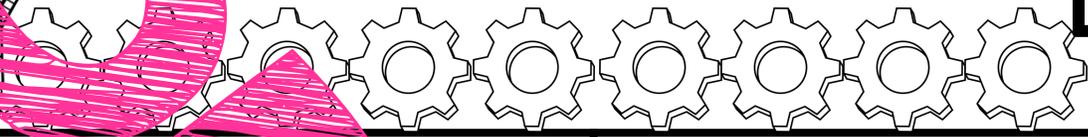
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. Who was America's third president?

- A. Adams
- B. Jefferson
- C. Polk
- D. Madison

6. Who was America's fifth president?

- A. Madison
- B. Monroe
- C. Jefferson
- D. Polk

2. When was the Louisiana Purchase?

- A. 1849
- B. 1820
- C. 1797
- D. 1803

7. The original \_\_\_\_ colonies settled along the east coast of North America.

- A. 11
- B. 13
- C. 15
- D. 17

3. Who did the U.S. buy the Louisiana territory from?

- A. Spain
- B. England
- C. Germany
- D. France

8. Which aid Texas win its independence from Spain and Mexico?

- A. 1828
- B. 1832
- C. 1835
- D. 1840

4. What ocean did the Corps of Discovery reach?

- A. Atlantic
- B. Arctic
- C. Indian
- D. Pacific

9. The Mexican-American War added \_\_\_\_ square miles of U.S. territory.

- A. 525,000
- B. 675,000
- C. 725,000
- D. 825,000

5. In 1846, the U.S. entered war with \_\_\_\_.

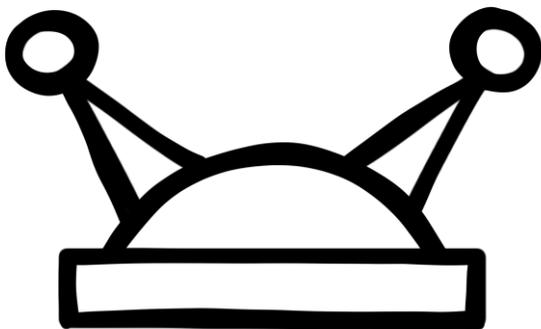
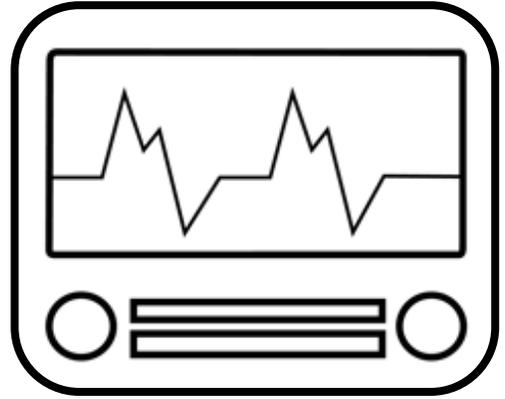
- A. France
- B. Mexico
- C. Canada
- D. Great Britain

10. Who coined the term "Manifest Destiny"?

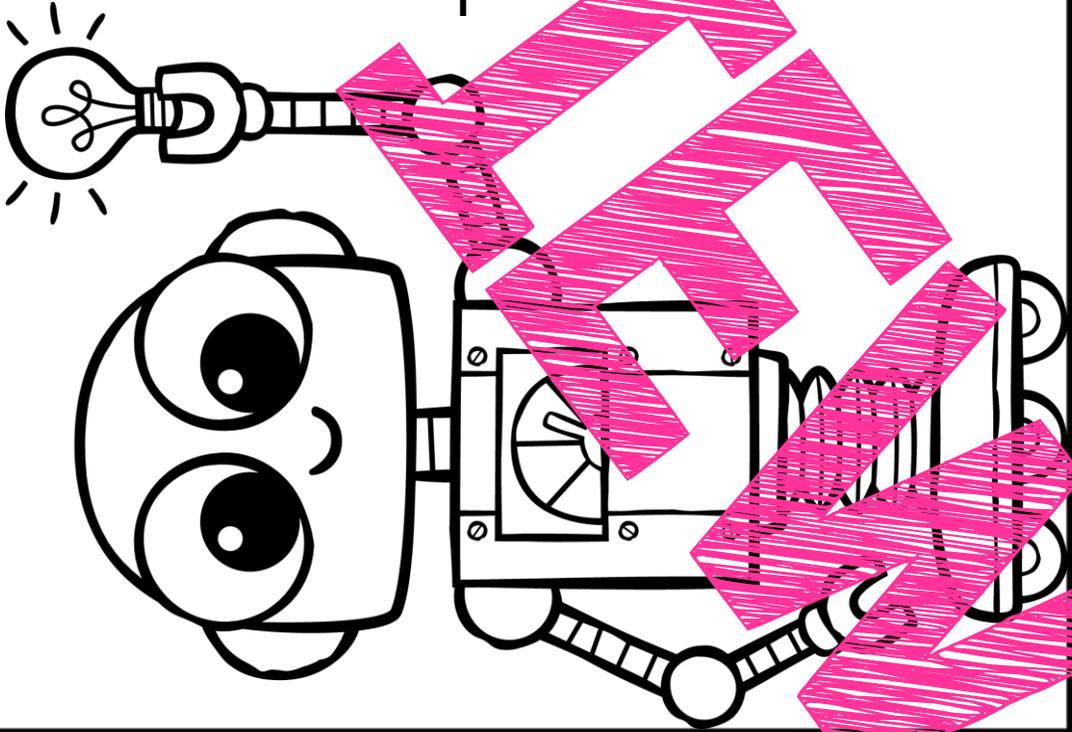
- A. John Winthrop
- B. James K. Polk
- C. John L. O'Sullivan
- D. James Madison

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