

JUDICIAL BRANCH

ESCAPE ROOM

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of the federal government has many jobs, but the most important is to interpret the laws from Congress. This branch does not make any laws, but it interprets what the laws mean and how they legally impact the states. The Judicial Branch, also known as Article III, is made up of the Supreme Court and the lower courts.

The Judicial Branch is structured in a hierarchy. Each court has a different level of authority. The highest court is the Supreme Court. Below it are the Courts of Appeals or Appellate Courts. At the bottom are the District Courts. Appeals Courts have three judges and do not use a jury. There are 94 District Courts. District Courts hear cases and a jury.

Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed or chosen by the President.

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
				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

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =

o	x	o
x		o
	x	o

RECORDING SHEET

Q1	Q2	Q3
#	#	#

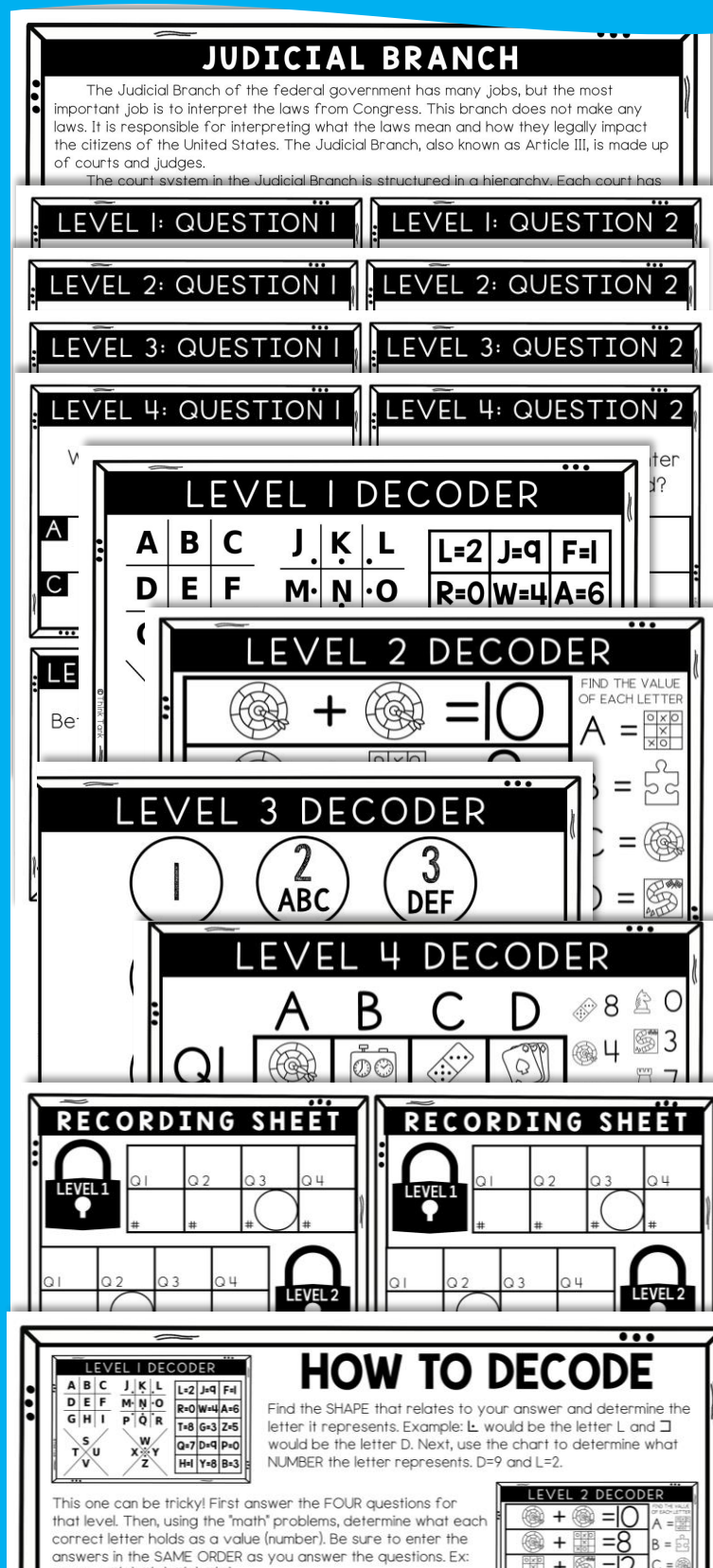
QUESTION 2

What word means to ask for a review?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Appeal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amend
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicameral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ratify

THINK TANK

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



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



16 QUESTIONS

JUDICIAL BRANCH
The federal government has many...
the laws from Congress. This bra...
interpreting what the laws mean and...
States. The Judicial Branch, also kno...
The Judicial Branch is structured in...
has more authority. The highest co...
Court is the Court of Appeals or App...
Appeals Courts have three judg...
there are 94 District Courts...
are appointed...
these peop...
ca...

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1
The Judicial Branch
--- the laws.

<input type="checkbox"/> Enforces	<input type="checkbox"/> Interprets
<input type="checkbox"/> Circumvents	<input type="checkbox"/> Creates

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
What word me...
ask for a re...

<input type="checkbox"/> Bicameral	<input type="checkbox"/> Ratify
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LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1
What is the highest
court called?

<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/> High Court
<input type="checkbox"/> Mega Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Supreme Court

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3
How many Justices does
Supreme Court
maintain?

<input type="checkbox"/> 94	<input type="checkbox"/> 132
<input type="checkbox"/> 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 240

RECORDING SHEET
LEVEL 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
#	#	#	#

LEVEL 1 DECODER

B	C	J	K	L
E	F	M	N	O
H	I	P	Q	R
U	X	W	Y	Z

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1
Under the Court of Appeals,
there are --- District Courts.

<input type="checkbox"/> 94	<input type="checkbox"/> 132
<input type="checkbox"/> 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 240

LEVEL 3 DECODER

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1
The right to a speedy trial is
part of what Amendment?

<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd	<input type="checkbox"/> 6th
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th	<input type="checkbox"/> 8th

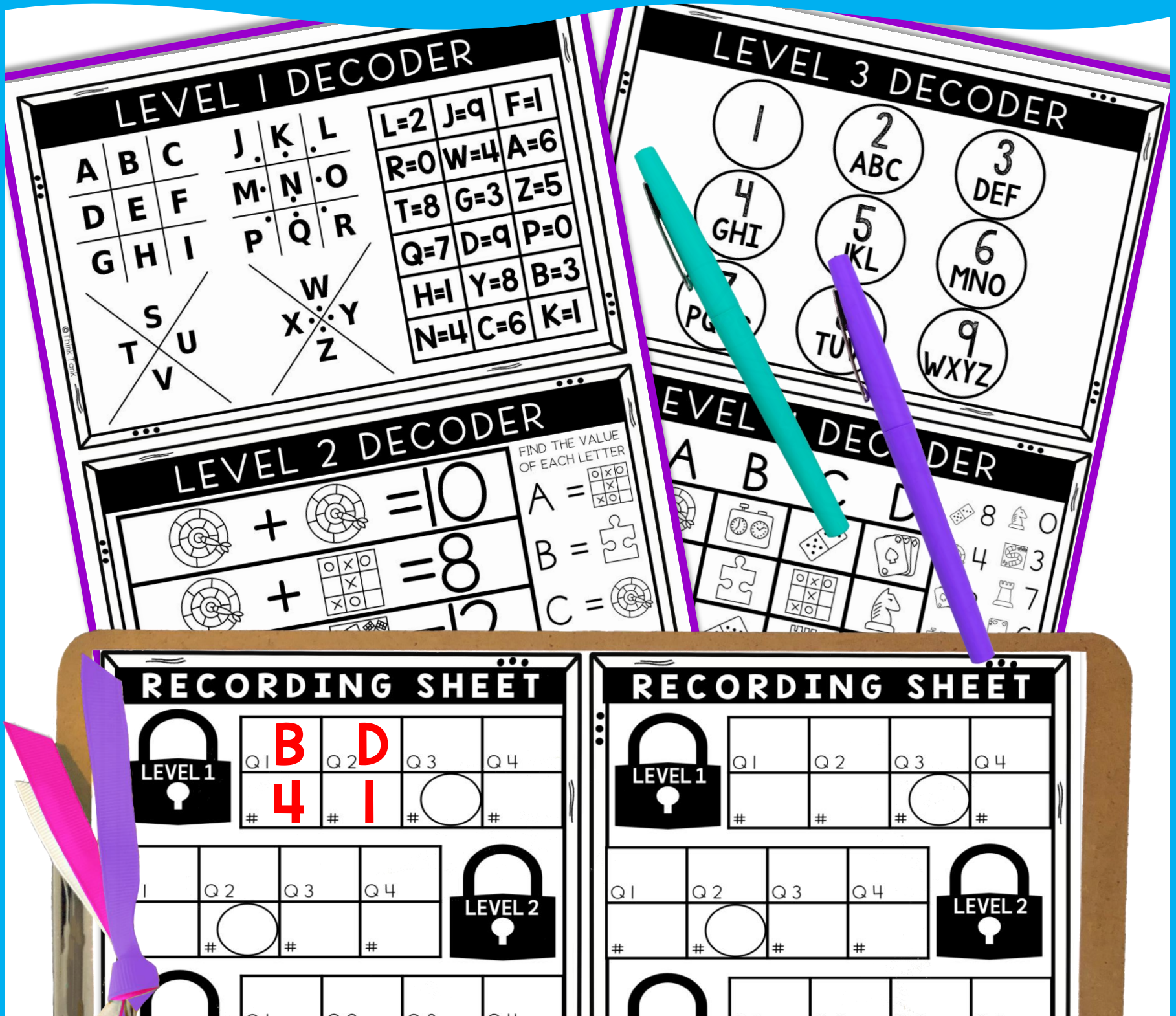
LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2
Who chooses the members
of the Supreme Court?

<input type="checkbox"/> Surgeon General	<input type="checkbox"/> President
<input type="checkbox"/> House Speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizens

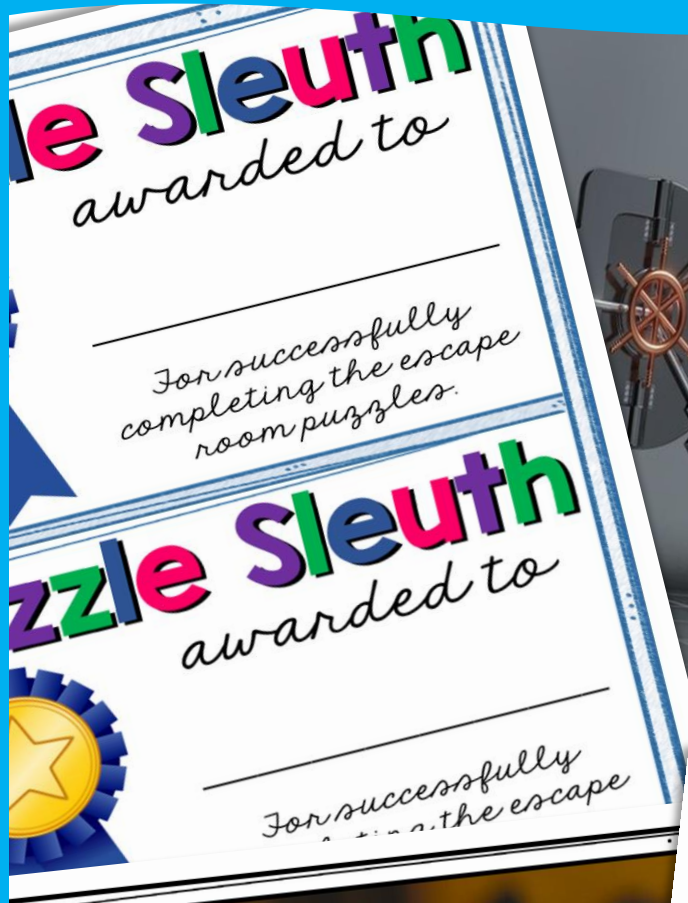
LEVEL 4 DECODER

Q1	A	B	C	D	8	0
Q2	4	3	7	6	2	1
Q3	5	6	7	8	9	0


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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The Judicial Branch of the federal government has an important job is to interpret the laws from Congress. The laws. It is responsible for interpreting what the laws mean for the citizens of the United States. The Judicial Branch, along with the courts and judges.

The court system in the Judicial Branch is structured in a court that is over it or has more authority. The highest court under the Supreme Court is the Court of Appeals.

LEVEL 1 DECODER

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

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1

The Judicial Branch
--- the laws.

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LEVEL 1: Q

What wo
ask for

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LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3

How many Justices does
the Supreme Court
currently maintain?

6



LEVEL 1: QU




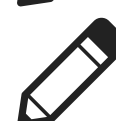
How many Appe
Courts are

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

