

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

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The Revolutionary War began in 1775 and was fought for independence from Great Britain. There were several factors that led the 13 colonies to fight for independence and

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Every war costs money, and Britain needed the money to help pay for the troops and supplies. British troops were also stationed in the colonies after the war for protection. The British Parliament (government) believed the colonists should pay the debt since it was their war and for this reason, they taxed the colonists unfairly.



The Battles of Lexington and ___ were the first battles of the war.

CODE WORD

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Tensions rose as the British government started to become more involved with the 13 colonies. Protests erupted as the colonists became more and more angry. A group of Patriots in Boston, who called themselves the

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One of the laws, for example, was to close the Boston Harbor which prevented trade. As a result, other colonies sent supplies to Boston during the blockade of the harbor to help. These acts made the colonists even more united to fight for independence.



The colonists were being controlled by a ___ who was across the ocean.

CODE WORD

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All these events and the desire to become a country. The colonists wanted the freedom they had in England, and they were being controlled by a king who was across the ocean. They began to worry that they would again lose their freedom like they did in Britain.



What is the British government's goal?

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TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages which contain 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 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 stay on task!

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 _____.

VAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

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10 READING CARDS

1 The Revolutionary War began in 1775. It was fought for independence from Britain. There were several factors that led to the 13 colonies to fight for independence. One of the factors was that they wanted to become their own nation, start their own government, and stop paying taxation.

The Boston Massacre happened in 1770, killing 5 men.

3 Every war costs money, and Britain needed the money to pay for the troops and supplies. British soldiers were stationed in the colonies and they were there for protection. The British Parliament (government) believed the colonists should pay the debt since it was their war and for this reason, they taxed the colonists unfairly.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord were the first battles of the war.

5 Tensions rose as the British government started to become more involved with the 13 colonies. Protests erupted as the colonists became more and more angry. A group of Patriots in Boston, who called themselves the Sons of Liberty, started protesting the taxes and laws. The protests led to violence in 1770 when the British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists, killing five men. This event became known as the Boston Massacre.

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CODE WORD

2 One of the factors that led to the Revolutionary War was the debt (money owed) from the French and Indian War. The French and Indian War, from 1754 to 1763, was fought by the British against New France. Each side had a different ally and the war ended with the British as their allies and the French as their enemies.

4 Before 1764, the British government allowed the 13 colonies to govern themselves. As time went on, Britain continued imposing new taxes and laws on the colonists. There were many taxes collected through British laws such as the Sugar Act and Stamp Act. The Stamp Act placed a tax on all printed goods, like newspapers and playing cards. The colonists did not believe any laws were fair and started the motto "no taxation without representation".

6 In 1773, the British later imposed a new, unfair tax on tea in 1773. The Sons of Liberty boarded three ships sitting in the Boston Harbor, and dumped hundreds of chests of tea into the harbor. The event became known as the Boston Tea Party. Britain was angered by what they did and implemented new laws called the Intolerable Acts (also known as the Coercive Act) as a punishment.

7 One of the laws, for example, was to close the Boston Harbor to trade. As a result, British supplies to Boston were blocked and the harbor was closed. The Intolerable Acts made the colonists angry and they decided to fight for independence.

The colonies were being controlled by Britain across the ocean.

9 All these events and laws made the colonists angry. They wanted their independence and the freedom they had come to love. They were being controlled by a man who was across the ocean and they began to worry that they would again lose their freedoms, just like they did in Britain.

What is the British government's goal?

8 On September 5th, 1774, the First Continental Congress gathered in Philadelphia. Representatives from 12 of the 13 colonies wrote a letter to King George III asking that he repeal, or cancel, the Intolerable Acts. The king did not respond to their petition, which angered the colonists and led to a boycott (refuse to buy goods).

What act placed a tax on all printed goods?

10 In 1775, British soldiers were ordered to arrest American rebels, which led to the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The Battles of Lexington and Concord marked the start of the Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775.

In the Boston Harbor, how many chests of tea did the Sons of Liberty board?

ANSWER SHEET

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FINAL WORD ANSWER:

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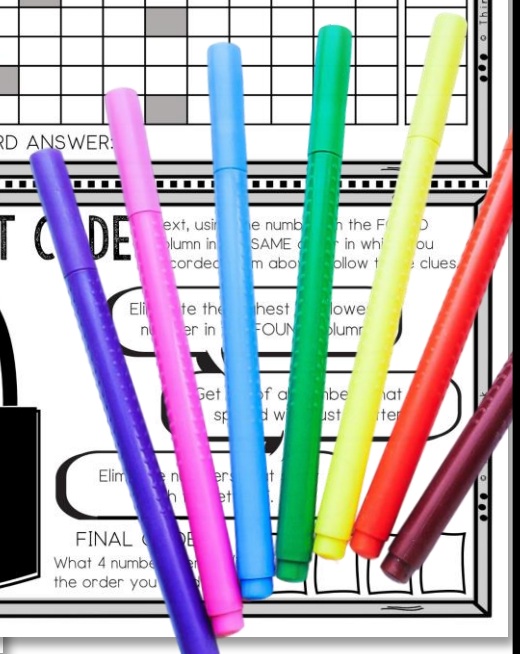
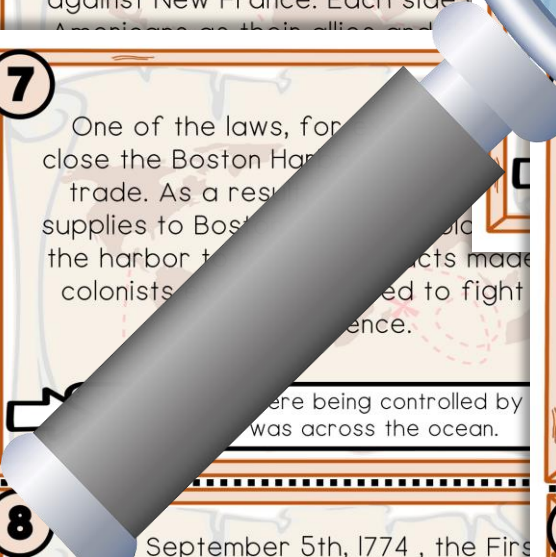
Eliminate the numbers that do not appear in the FOUND CARD #.

Get the 4 digit code by putting the numbers in the order you found them.



Eliminate the numbers that do not appear in the FOUND CARD #.

What 4 numbers make up the code?

FINAL CODE

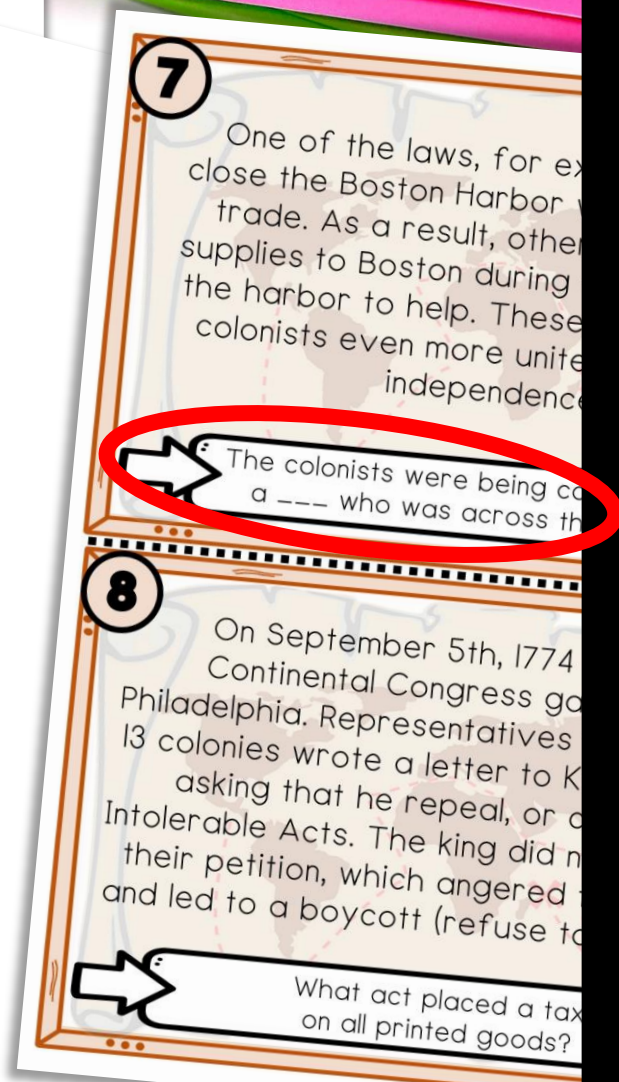



HOW IT WORKS



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

