

U.S. REGIONS

CUBE CODE

STATION 2:

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Lastly, eliminate ANY answer where the answer was found in an EVEN numbered paragraph, leaving only ODD numbers as your final code (in the order of questions). Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all.

STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color or shade the coin that corresponds to the statement. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. After you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. The code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

U.S. REGIONS

The United States of America is huge. With 50 states, how could it not be? Instead of dividing everything by state borders, the USA can be divided into various regions based on common features or characteristics. Often, this third largest country in the world will be split into five different regions: The West, the Midwest, the Southwest, the Southeast, and the Northeast.

However, according to the Census Bureau, these regions are not official government regions. The different regions are used to describe a large area of the country, as well as to group states together that may have similar features, like location, climate, history, and more.

The West Region contains 11 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

4 DIGIT CODE

THINK TANK

STATION 1:

Use your reading passage or deductive reasoning skills to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph.

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STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color or shade the coin that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

STATION 4:

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order.

STATION 5:

Answer each multiple choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4 digit code. Answer options may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, simply put a zero in the box.

STATION 6:

Reread the passage and write the main idea in your own words. Then, add TWO supporting details that back up your main idea or topic sentence.

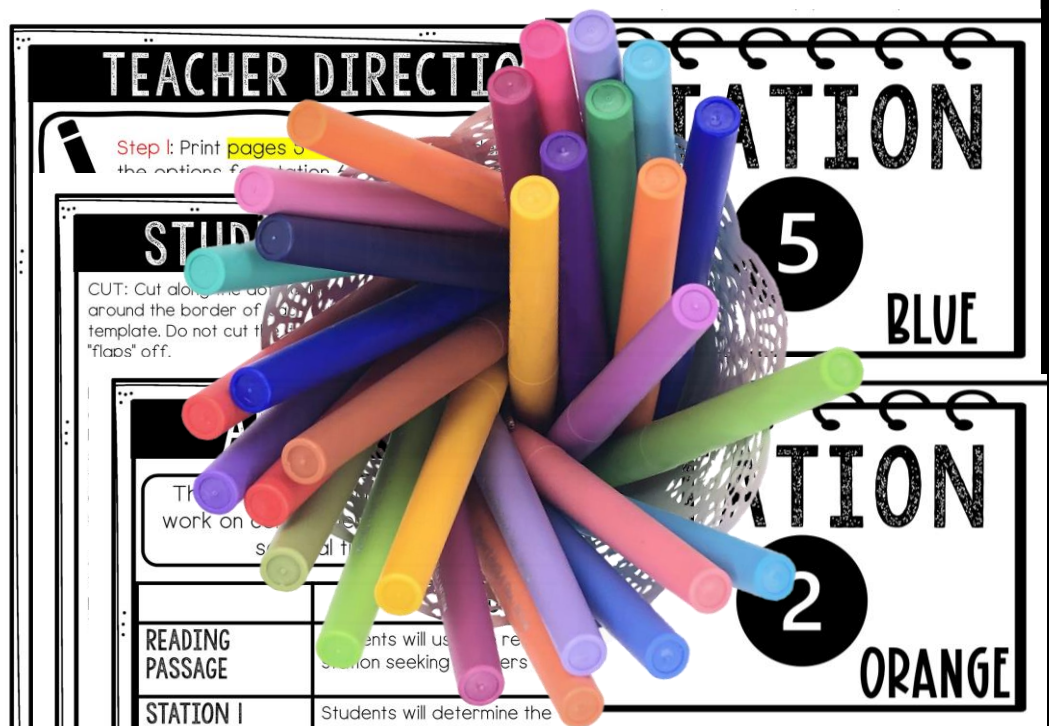
STATION

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RED

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 6 STATIONS
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ STATION CARDS
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ✓ ALTERNATE STATION
- ✓ ASSEMBLY TIPS



6 STATIONS

STATION 1:

Use your reading passage or deductive reasoning to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. The missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph.

1	Canada	4	Mexico	7	Arizona
2	Northeast	5	California	8	Oklahoma
3	Southwest	6	6	9	12

The _____ Region holds just 4 states: Arizona, New Mexico, _____, and _____.

_____ varies between _____ of the Rocky Mountain _____ from the _____ and Canyon _____ located in _____ most famous attraction _____ Plains corridor into the _____ the southern edge of _____ borders _____ The land _____, mesas, and plateaus with plenty of sagebrush and cactus.

The Southeast Region includes _____ states: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina.

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STATION 4:

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order.

The LAST number of the lock is the number of states the West Region contains MINUS 10.

The SECOND number of the lock is

STATION

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GREEN

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STATION 5:

Answer each multiple choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4 digit code. Answer options may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in the box.

Which region is the smallest of the five regions?

- A. Southeast
- B. Northeast
- C. Southwest
- D. Northwest

What is the highest mountain peak in the United States?

- A. Mt. McKinley
- B. Mt. Rushmore

What is the state?

- A. Maryland
- B. Rhode Island
- C. New Hampshire
- D. New Jersey

In what region is the Black Hills?

- A. Northeast
- B. Midwest
- C. Southwest
- D. None of the above

- A. Oregon
- B. Montana
- C. Idaho
- D. All of the above

STATION

5

BLUE

STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color or shade the coin that corresponds to the statement. If the statement is false, do not color or shade the coin. One coin has been colored for you. The first box is for the first box.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- C. Lake Michigan is the largest freshwater lake in the United States.
- D. The Mississippi River flows through much of the Midwest Region.
- E. The Midwest region is also known as the "nation's breadbasket."
- F. The Southwest region is the smallest of the five regions.
- G. The United States is the third largest country in the world.
- H. The West Region is the largest of the five regions.

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STATION

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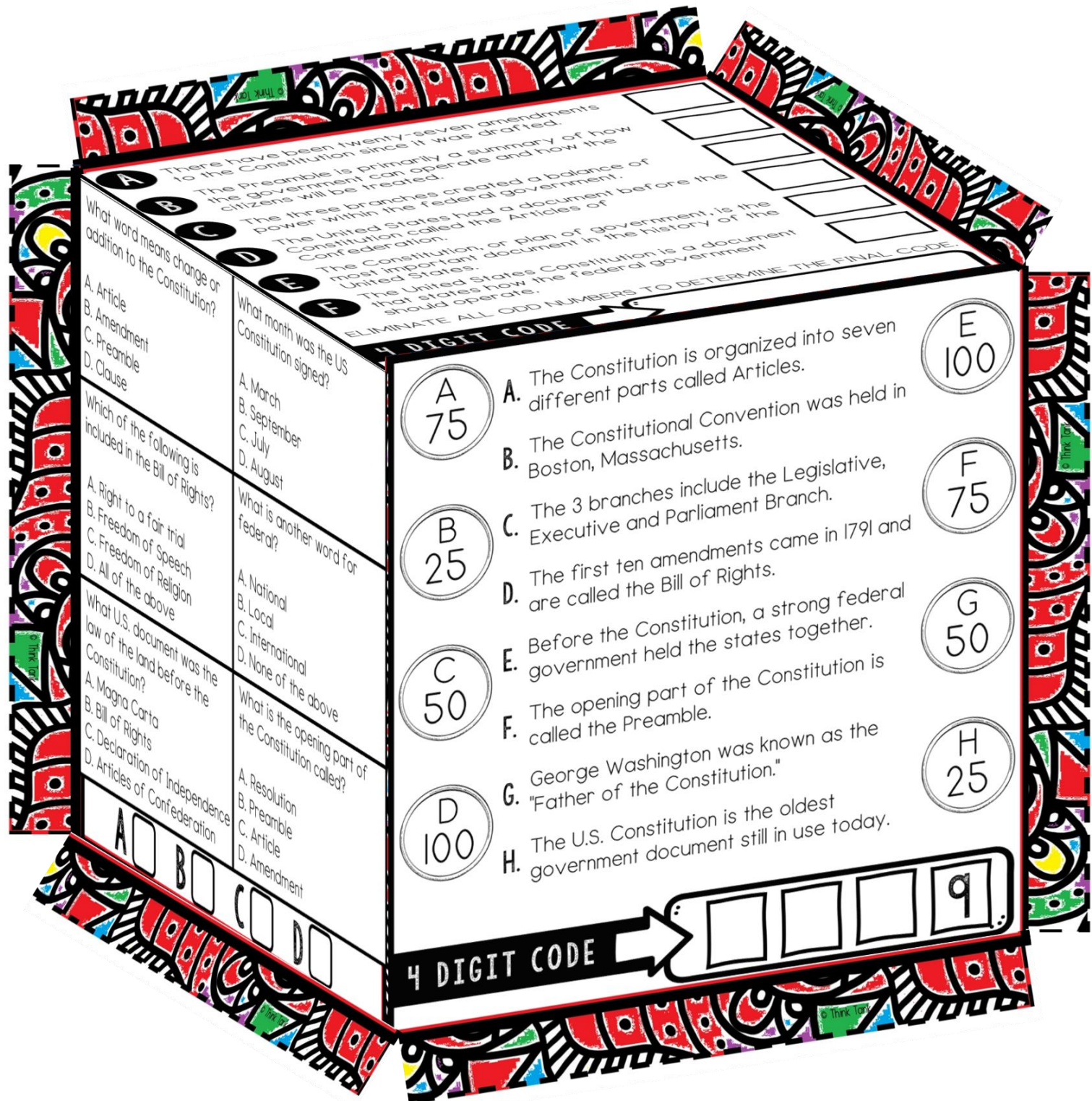
ORANGE

- A. The Arizona desert is the largest in the United States.
- B. The Mississippi River continues to flow between the South and Midwest Regions.
- C. Rhode Island is the nation's smallest state and Boston is the largest city in the NE Region.
- D. The Midwest region borders Canada to the north.
- E. The West region borders Canada and Mexico.

ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

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SAMPLE CUBE




STATIONS

STATION 1	Students will determine the missing words in the paragraph to reveal a 4 digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs and browse the passage to determine where the answers can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating EVEN numbers, a 4 digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. They will then ADD all TRUE values to find the 4 digit code.
STATION 4	Students will do some basic math here, read the passage to find the answers and then determine the 4 digit code.
STATION 5	Students will answer 6 multiple choice questions which lead them to a 4 digit code based on the number of times they used each "answer".
STATION 6	Option 1: Main idea writing activity Option 2: Color and add topic
TEXT MARKING	OPTIONAL: A color code chart is included in case you want students to mark the text citing evidence of where they found their answers.

**STUDENTS WILL
USE THE SAME
READING
PASSAGE AT
EACH STATION
SEEKING
ANSWERS AND
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.
- 2 Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their cube sheet before assembly. Students will revisit their reading passage at EACH station!
- 3 Students will reveal 4-digit codes to move on to the next station. When they finish all stations, they can color and assemble their cube.

STATION

Read each statement below and determine if the statement is true, color or shade the corresponding question. If the statement is false, cross it out. When all questions are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE statements. The code has been provided for you. If the total is 75, the 1 in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

A. According to the Census Bureau, there are 50 official government regions.

B. The Appalachian Mountains are the longest mountain range in North America.

C. Lake Michigan is the largest freshwater lake in the United States.

D. The Mississippi River flows through the Midwest Region.

E. The Midwest Region is also known as the "nation's breadbasket."

F. The Southwest Region is the smallest of the five regions.

G. The United States is the third largest country in the world.

H. The West Region includes over half the area of the entire United States.

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COMBINATION



Each Cube Code is a winning combination of:

- ☒ stations and movement
- ☒ close reading
- ☒ comprehension skills
- ☒ coloring and stress relief
- ☒ secret codes
- ☒ cut and paste
- ☒ citing evidence
- ☒ critical thinking





Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!



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

-  HANDS-ON
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

