ABOUT THIS PACKET

These Close Reading Activities in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after 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	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

CASE FILE DOSSIER

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

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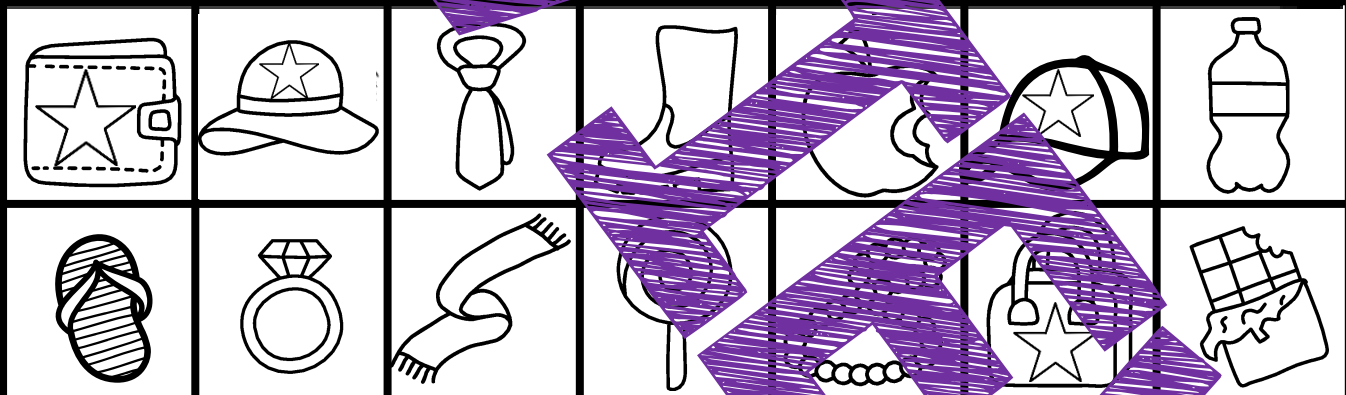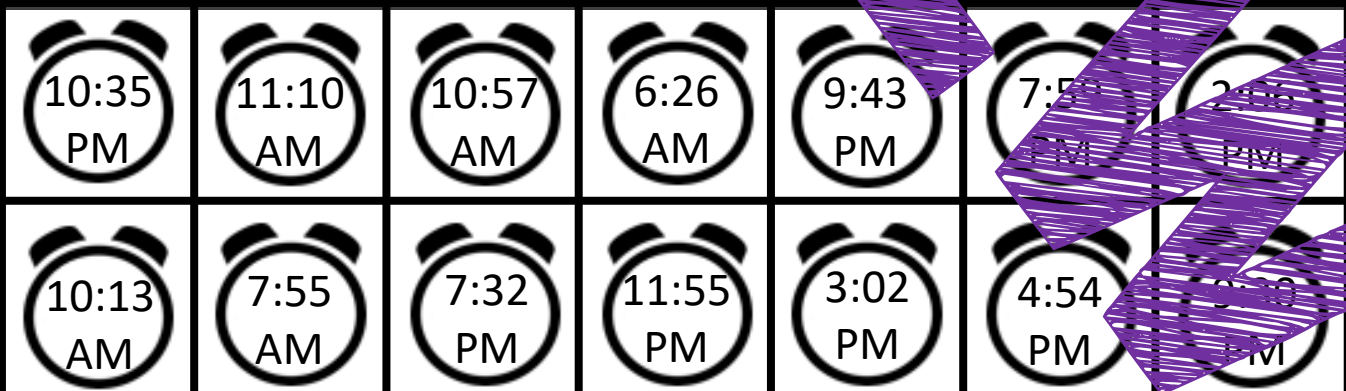
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EVIDENCE

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

POLICE

EARN THIS!

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

50-page	job	British
author	king	Pennsylvania
1775	loyal	questions

Thomas Paine was an _____ and political activist during the American Revolution. He was born in London in 1737. He left school at the age of 13 to work with his father. He went on to become a tax collector but was fired twice. He couldn't keep a stable _____ and was in a lot of debt (money owed). When he met Benjamin Franklin in London, Franklin was able to convince him to move to the American colonies and start fresh. In 1774, he sold his property to pay off his debts and moved to Philadelphia, _____.

In Philadelphia, Paine started his career as a journalist and editor for the Pennsylvania Magazine. He began writing about injustices such as slavery and poverty (extremely poor), anonymously signing his name as "Justice and Humanity."

The American Revolution began in _____. This fight was for independence of the American colonies from _____ rule. There were few people who wanted to fight for this freedom. Most were still _____ to King George III and did not want to join the fight; rather, they wanted things to stay the same. Thomas Paine showed great interest in this movement and wanted America to be an independent country, free from the rule of a _____.

After the battles of Lexington and Concord, the first military engagements of the Revolutionary War, Paine began to write about demanding independence. On January 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published a _____ pamphlet that discussed why the colonists should be fighting for freedom. He published it anonymously and called it "Common Sense," believing it was common sense to break away from Britain. He addressed different ideas in his writing and asked straightforward _____ for every reader to think about. For example, he asked why the colonists should show loyalty to a king who oppresses (cruel and unjust) them. He asked, "How much longer can Americans stand for the repeated abuses of the Crown?" He proclaimed, "A government of our own is our natural right."

TASK 2: FIND & FIX

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

EARN THIS!

1. Thomas Paine was born in Paris in 1837.

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6. Paine anonymously signing his name as "Peace and Liberty."

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2. The American Revolution began in 1787.

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7. Patriots were those who remained loyal to the British Crown.

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3. At the time, the king of Britain was King James II.

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8. Paine wrote 94 "American Crisis" papers for the colonial troops.

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4. The first military engagement of the Revolutionary War was in Pittsburgh.
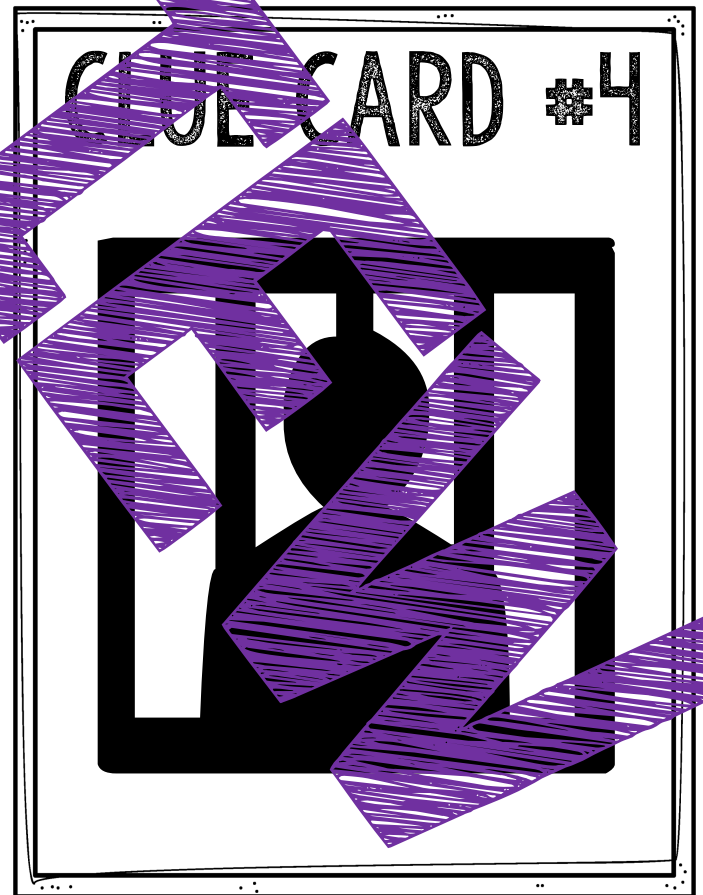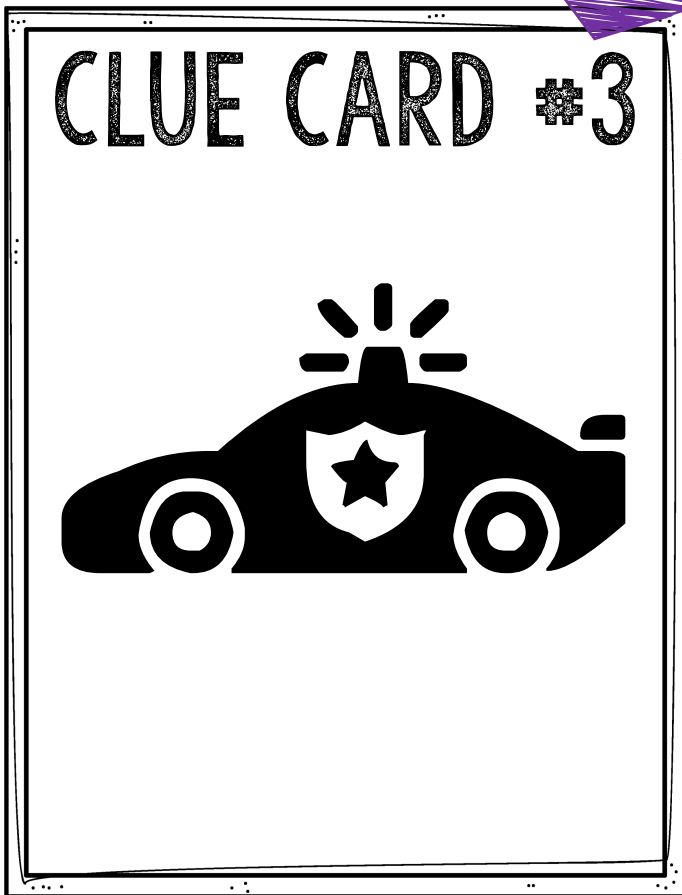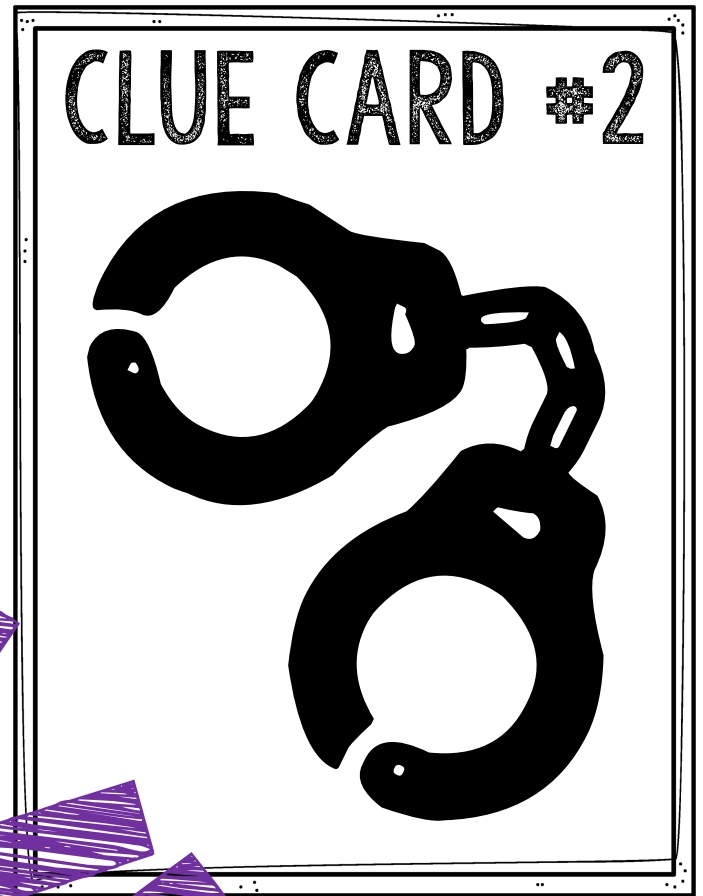
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9. Paine wrote "The Age of Reason" which opposed organized mathematics.

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5. On January 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published a 12-page pamphlet.

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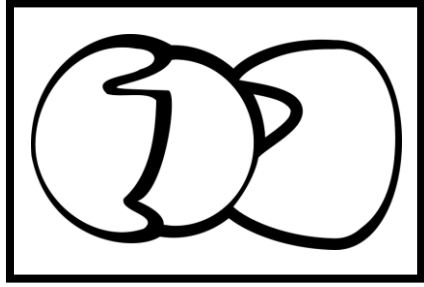10. The U.S. Constitution was ratified on July 4th, 1776.

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ENVELOPE OR TABLE TENT LABELS

Stuff the corresponding clue cards in envelopes or pile them by "symbol" on the table.

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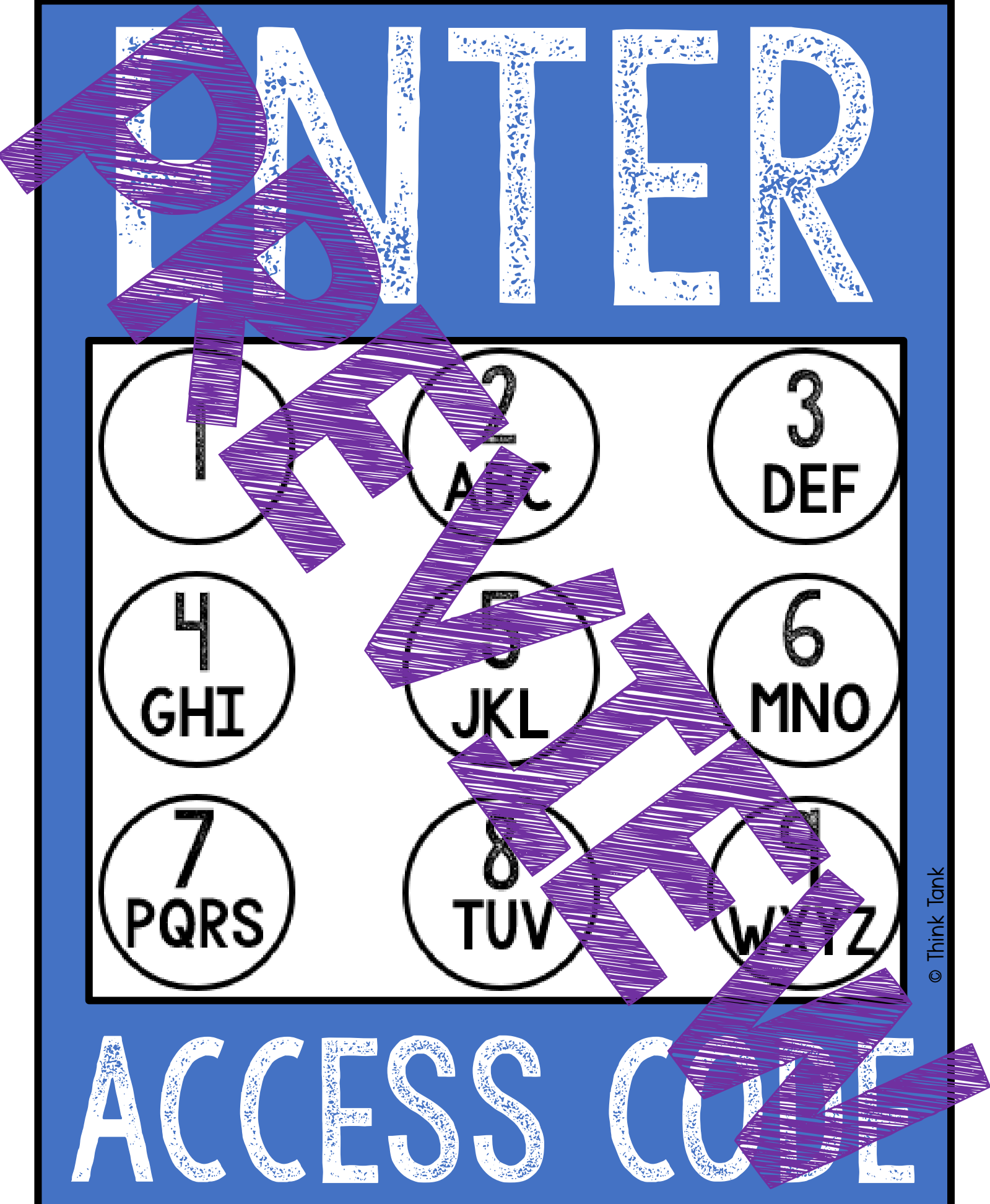
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PREVIEW