ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages 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.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	This vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will reread the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: 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.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out this final summary graphic organizer.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TEXT

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

princess	red	temporary
soldiers	advisors	three
Yorkists	leader	Margaret

After England and France had fought the Hundred Years' War, English soldiers returned to a troubled country. King Henry VI was on the throne, but he wasn't a strong _____. He often had episodes of insanity where he could not run his kingdom. He had lots of people ready to help him run the kingdom during his periods of illness, and they was more of a problem than actual help.

King Henry VI had married a French _____ to help soothe political relations during the Hundred Years' War. Her name was Margaret of Anjou and she had strong opinions on how Henry should run his country and she wanted to help him have her way. She had a group of _____ called the Lancastrians, that name came from Henry's last name, Lancaster. The Lancastrians were loyal to _____ of Anjou, Henry VI's queen.

The King also had his own advisors who opposed (were against) Queen Margaret and the Lancastrians' ideas for running England. These people were led by Henry's cousin Richard, Duke of York. His and his loyalists were called _____.

During an episode of Henry's, he became sick and could not rule effectively. Richard persuaded nobles to make him "Lord Protector" which meant that he would run the country until the king was fit to rule. Richard became the _____ ruler of England for _____ months, but after being dismissed, Richard and the other Yorkists started to prepare for war. Richard enjoyed his taste of power and thought he would do a better job as king than Queen Margaret and the Lancastrians heard what the Yorkists were doing and began to prepare for war themselves. Since the Hundred Years' War had just ended, there were lots of men in England who were well-trained _____, so recruitment was easy. The Lancastrians chose a _____ rose as a symbol for their side and the Yorkists chose a white rose. This is why the war is called

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TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.

WORD	PICTURE	DEFINITION

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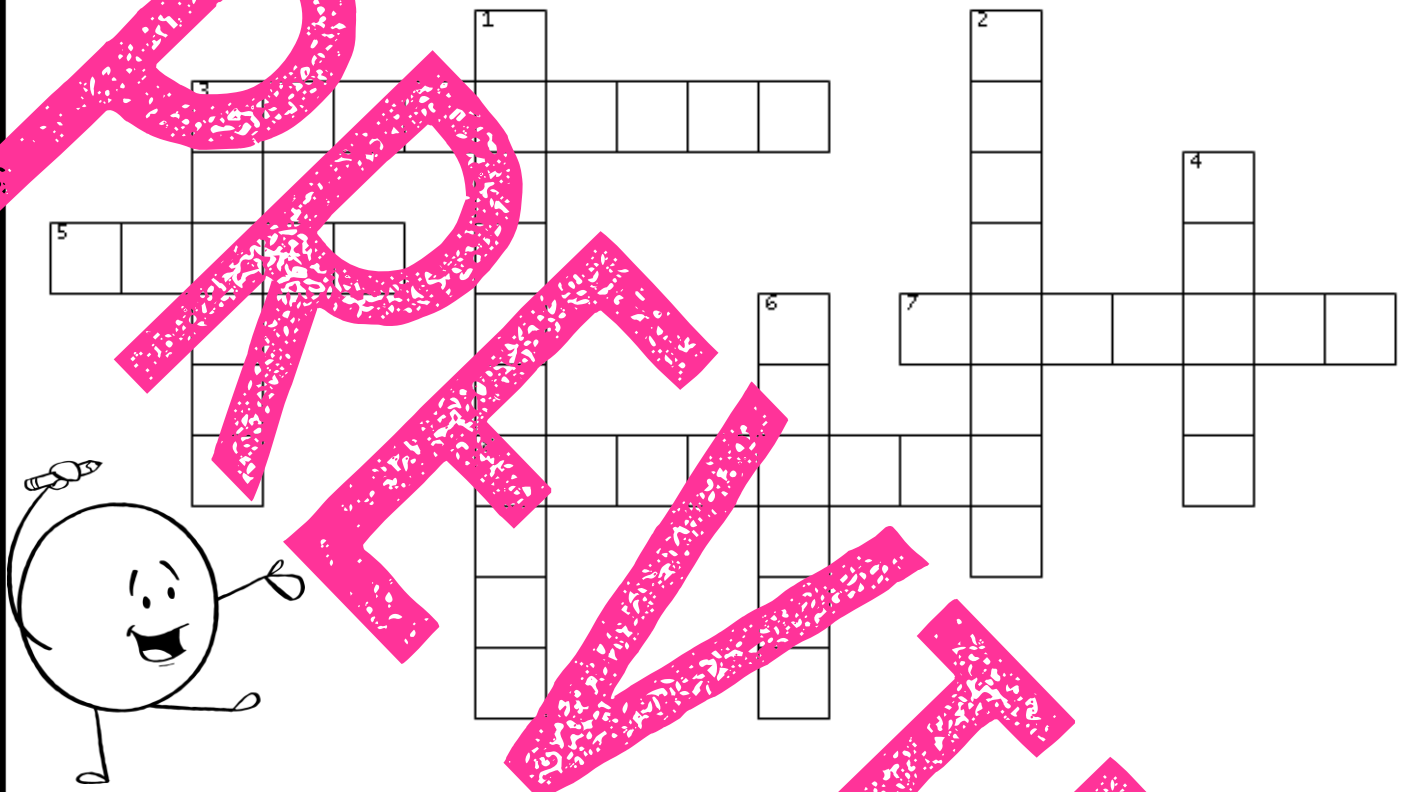
TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



ACROSS

3. Henry VII married _____ of York
5. King Henry VI was imprisoned in the _____ of London
7. The War of the Roses was initially known as the _____' War"
8. Henry VI's queen was _____ of Anjou

DOWN

1. The ruling body of the people of England
2. The Battle of _____ took place on August 22, 1485
3. _____ IV was the first Yorkist to become a king
4. The rose color of the Yorkists
6. England and _____ had fought the Hundred Years' War

PREVIEW

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TASK 6: SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

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SUMM

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ESCAPE ROOMS

SCAVENGER HUNTS

SPY MYSTERY

TEXT DETECTIVE

SECRET MESSAGES

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

READING CHALLENGE

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK

DIGITAL ESCAPES

DIGITAL BOARD GAME

COLOR BY NUMBER

TASK CARDS GAME

GOOGLE SLIDES

GOOGLE FORMS

PUZZLE STATIONS

BOOM CARDS

BLOG