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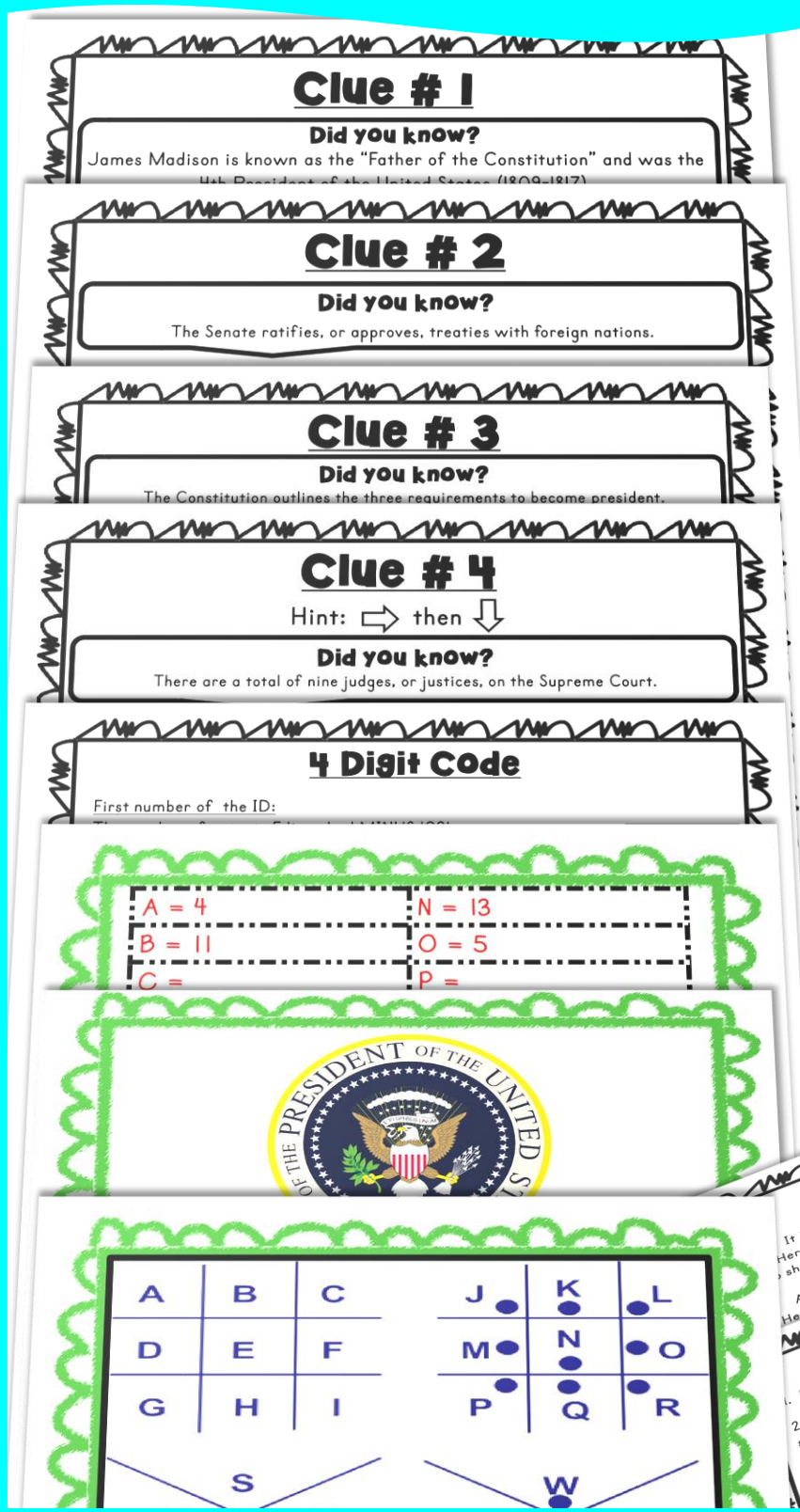

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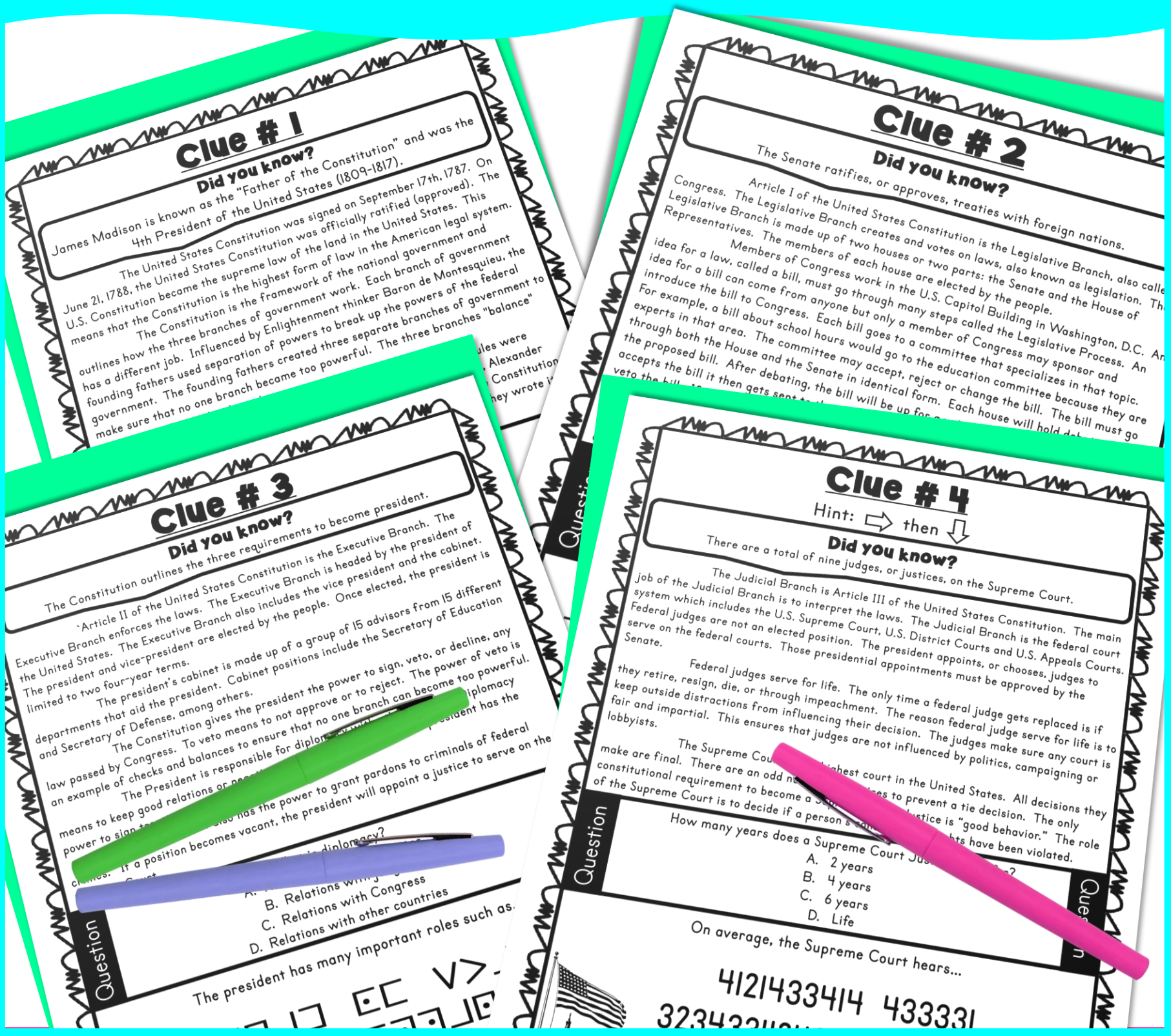
Clue # 1
Did you know?
James Madison is known as the "Father of the Constitution" and was the 4th President of the United States (1809-1817).
The United States Constitution was signed on September 17th, 1787. On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution was officially ratified (approved). The U.S. Constitution became the supreme law of the land in the United States. This means that the Constitution is the highest form of law in the American legal system.
The Constitution is the framework of the national government and outlines how the three branches of government work. Each branch of government has a different job. Influenced by Enlightenment thinker Baron de Montesquieu, the founding fathers used separation of powers to break up the powers of the federal government. The founding fathers created three separate branches of government to make sure that no one branch became too powerful. The three branches "balance"
Clue # 2
Did you know?
The Senate ratifies, or approves, treaties with foreign nations.
Article I of the United States Constitution is the Legislative Branch, also called Congress. The Legislative Branch creates and votes on laws, also known as legislation. The Legislative Branch is made up of two houses or two parts: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The members of each house are elected by the people.
Members of Congress work in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. An idea for a law, called a bill, must go through many steps called the Legislative Process. An idea for a bill can come from anyone but only a member of Congress may sponsor and introduce the bill to Congress. Each bill goes to a committee that specializes in that topic. For example, a bill about school hours would go to the education committee because they are experts in that area. The committee may accept, reject or change the bill. The bill must go through both the House and the Senate in identical form. Each house will hold
Clue # 3
Did you know?
The Constitution outlines the three requirements to become president.
Article II of the United States Constitution is the Executive Branch. The Executive Branch enforces the laws. The Executive Branch is headed by the president of the United States. The Executive Branch also includes the vice president and the cabinet. The president and vice-president are elected by the people. Once elected, the president is limited to two four-year terms.
The president's cabinet is made up of a group of 15 advisors from 15 different departments that aid the president. Cabinet positions include the Secretary of Education and Secretary of Defense, among others.
The Constitution gives the president the power to sign, veto, or decline, any law passed by Congress. To veto means to not approve or to reject. The power of veto is an example of checks and balances to ensure that no one branch can become too powerful.
The President is responsible for diplomacy
means to keep good relations or
has the power to grant pardons to criminals of federal
power to sign
If a position becomes vacant, the president will appoint a justice to serve on the
B. Relations with Congress
C. Relations with other countries
D. Relations with other countries
Question
The president has many important roles such as
Clue # 4
Hint: ⇨ then ⇩
Did you know?
There are a total of nine judges, or justices, on the Supreme Court.
The Judicial Branch is Article III of the United States Constitution. The main job of the Judicial Branch is to interpret the laws. The Judicial Branch is the federal court system which includes the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts and U.S. Appeals Courts. Federal judges are not an elected position. The president appoints, or chooses, judges to serve on the federal courts. Those presidential appointments must be approved by the Senate.
Federal judges serve for life. The only time a federal judge gets replaced is if they retire, resign, die, or through impeachment. The reason federal judge serve for life is to keep outside distractions from influencing their decision. The judges make sure any court is fair and impartial. This ensures that judges are not influenced by politics, campaigning or lobbyists.
The Supreme Cou
highest court in the United States. All decisions they make are final. There are an odd n
to prevent a tie decision. The only constitutional requirement to become a
justice is "good behavior." The role of the Supreme Court is to decide if a person's
have been violated.
Question
How many years does a Supreme Court Jus
A. 2 years
B. 4 years
C. 6 years
D. Life
On average, the Supreme Court hears...
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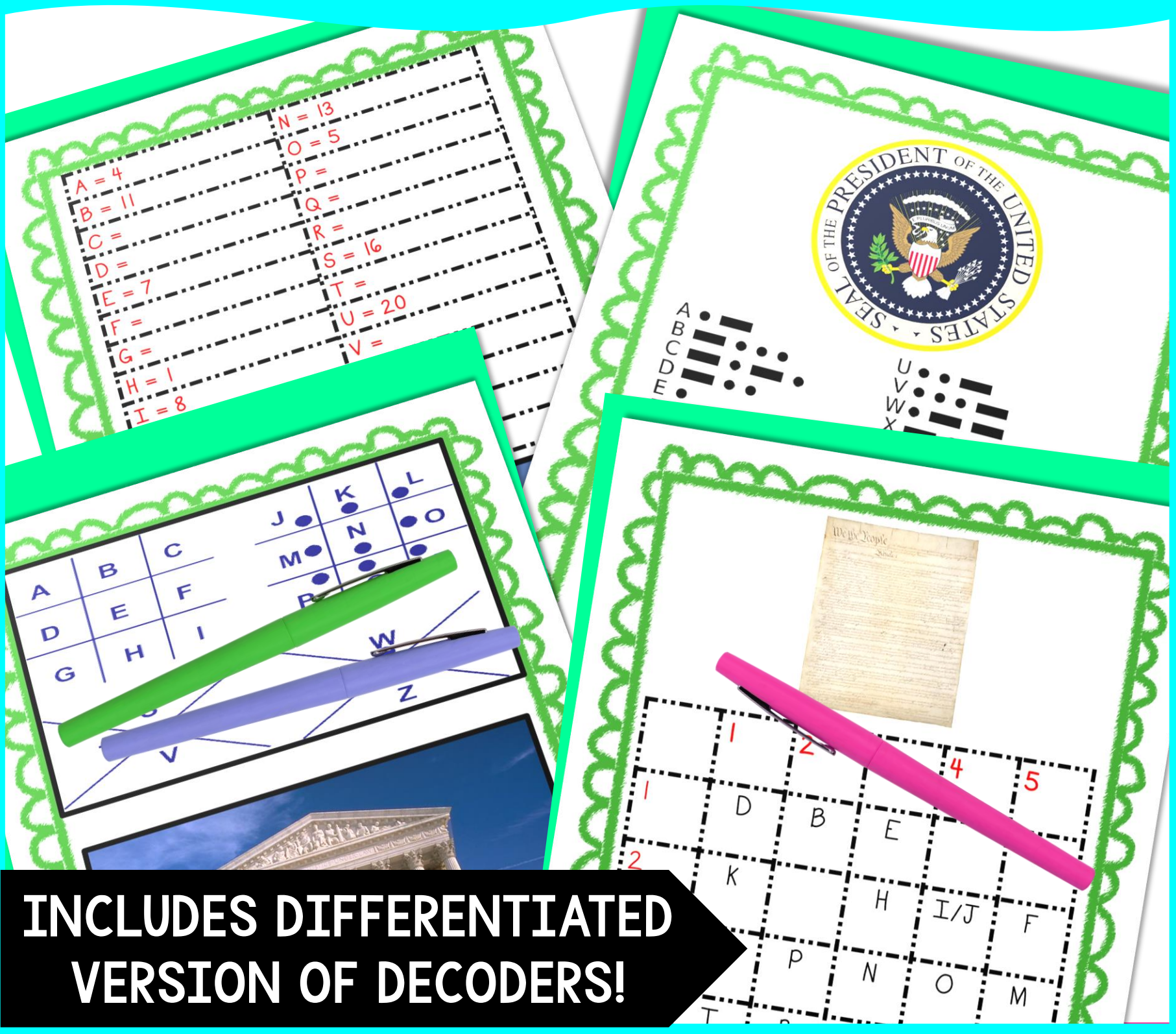

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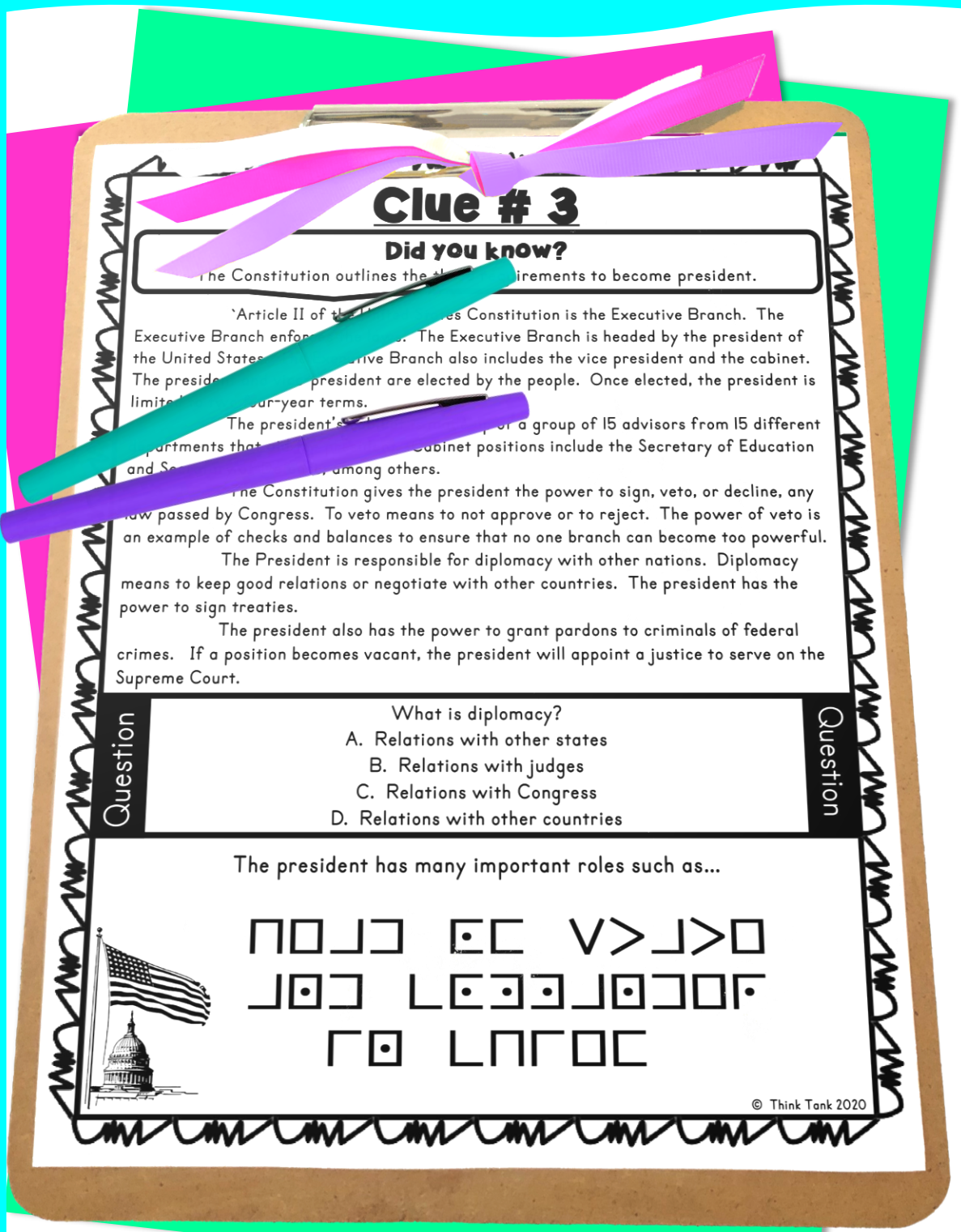

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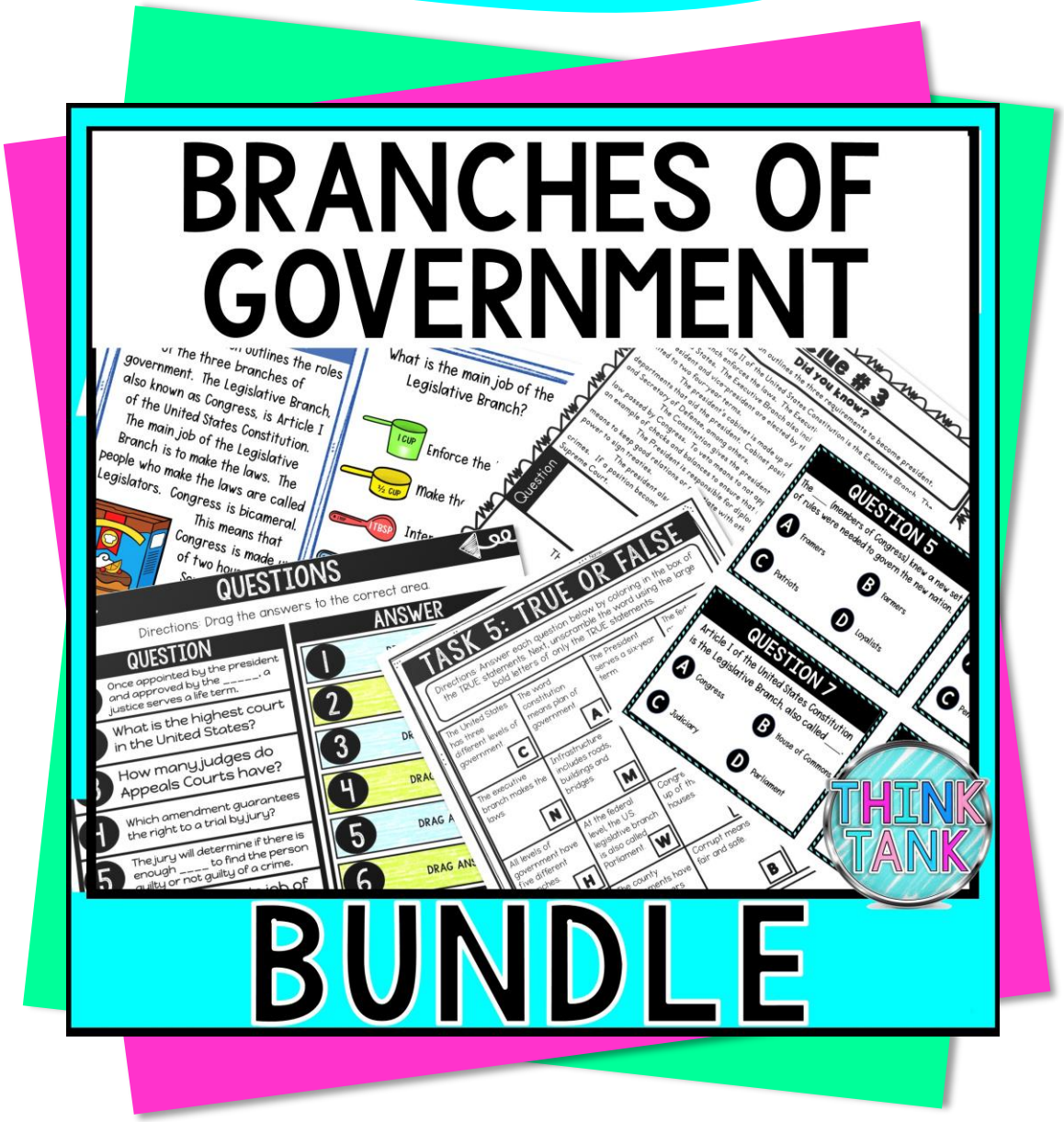

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