

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The 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 BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

government	fair	printed
secret	New France	troops
Sons	boycott	Boston

The Boston Tea Party was a major event that happened in _____, Massachusetts on December 16, 1773.

After the French and Indian War, which was fought between the colonists and Britain against _____ for control of America, Britain was in a lot of debt (they owed money). Since the war was fought for the colonists, Britain believed it was fair to tax them to help pay for money they owed for providing _____ and supplies. However, the colonists believed in their motto "no taxation without representation," which meant they shouldn't be taxed by Britain when they had no representation in the British _____ (Parliament).

Although the colonists didn't think the taxes were _____ and voiced their opinions, Britain continued to impose many new taxes including a tax on tea. Protests started as tensions grew. A group of Patriots in Boston, who called themselves the _____ of Liberty, started protesting the taxes and laws. The Sons of Liberty, originally called the Loyal Nine, was a _____ society of American colonists who wanted to fight taxation by the British government and King George III. The Loyal Nine was originally organized to protest the passing of the Stamp Act, a tax on _____ goods. One protest that occurred in 1770, led to violence when British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists, killing five men. This event became known as the Boston Massacre.

After the Boston Massacre, Britain repealed, or removed, most of the taxes. However, they did not remove the tax on tea, since British colonists drank a lot of tea each year. In response, the colonists made the decision to _____ (refuse to buy) British tea and instead, smuggle (sneak in illegally) Dutch tea.

After colonists started boycotting tea, Britain lost a substantial amount of money on tea that was never bought. In response, Parliament passed the Tea Act, which

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

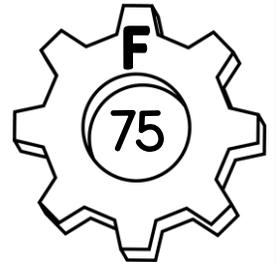


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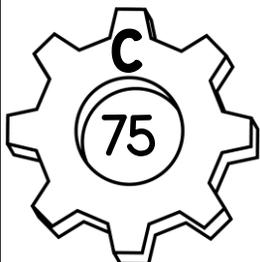
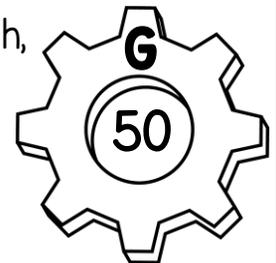
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. The Boston Tea Party occurred in 1770.

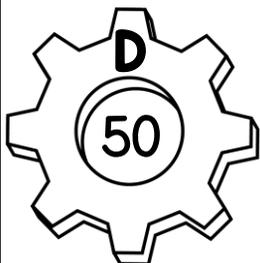


B. The Boston Tea Party, among other events, led to the American Revolution in 1775.

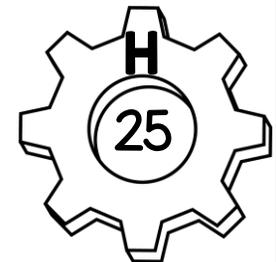


C. The three British ships were named the Dartmouth, the Eleazer, and the Beaver.

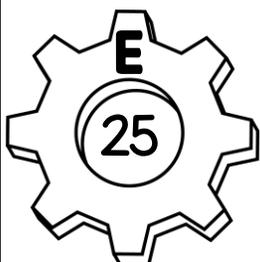
D. A group of Patriots who called themselves the Sons of Courage, started protesting the taxes and laws.



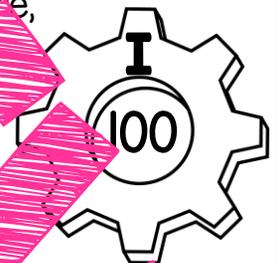
E. As punishment for the Boston Tea Party, Britain passed the Stamp Act.



F. The Sons of Liberty were originally called the Loyal Nine.

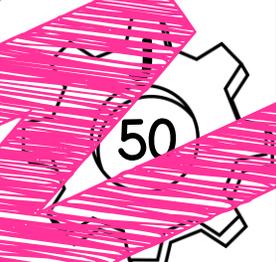


G. Patriot leaders included John Hancock, Paul Revere, and Samuel Adams.



H. The Intolerable Acts are also known as the Coercive Act.

I. 468 cases of tea were thrown over board into the water.



J. The French and Indian War was fought between the colonists and Britain against New France.

TOTAL: _____

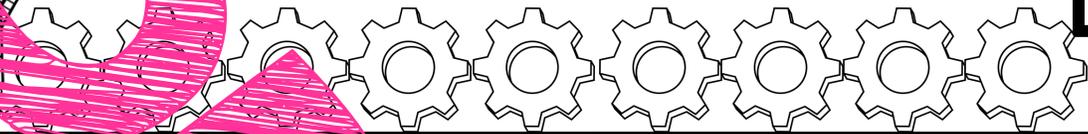
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. The Sons of _____ were a secret society who wanted to fight taxation by the British.
- A. Courage
 - B. Liberty
 - C. Patriots
 - D. Bravery
2. Which of the following men was NOT a Patriot leader?
- A. John Hancock
 - B. Samuel Adams
 - C. Andrew Jackson
 - D. Paul Revere
3. Divided into three groups, how many men boarded the ship and dumped tea?
- A. 140
 - B. 160
 - C. 180
 - D. 200
4. When was the Boston Tea Party?
- A. 1770
 - B. 1773
 - C. 1775
 - D. 1777
5. Which act closed the Boston Harbor until the colonists paid for the lost tea?
- A. Coercive Act
 - B. Stamp Act
 - C. Tea Act
 - D. Sugar Act
6. The Loyal Nine was originally organized to protest the passing of the _____.
- A. Quartering Act
 - B. Coercive Act
 - C. Tea Act
 - D. Stamp Act
7. How many colonists lost their lives in the Boston Massacre?
- A. 3
 - B. 5
 - C. 7
 - D. 9
8. Which of the following words means "refuse to use or buy"?
- A. Debt
 - B. Parliament
 - C. Monopoly
 - D. Boycott
9. Which British company owned the three ships sitting in the Boston harbor?
- A. East India Company
 - B. West India Company
 - C. North India Company
 - D. South India Company
10. How many crates of tea were dumped overboard?
- A. 322
 - B. 342
 - C. 362
 - D. 382

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