

# LABOR DAY

## CUBE CODE

What state did Massachusetts declare Labor Day as a holiday?

Standards for wages?

A. 1928  
B. 1938  
C. 1948  
D. 1958

Why were factory working conditions considered dangerous?

A. Poor regulated  
B. Working with bare hands  
C. No protection  
D. All of the above

What president created the U.S. Department of Labor?

A. Cleveland  
B. Taft  
C. Harding  
D. Roosevelt

What is the largest labor union in the United States today?

A. NEA  
B. SWA  
C. UPS  
D. BPA

A  B  C

The year the National Education Association was founded MINUS 1852.

The FIRST number of the lock is the day in March of 1913 that the U.S. Department of Labor was created MINUS 2.

The THIRD number of the lock is the year the first Labor Day Parade was held at Union Square in New York MINUS 1880.

Chicago	4	New Orleans	7	Cleveland
1913	5	clergy	8	Taft
railroad	6	1923	9	Coolidge

### 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 question. 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.

**A** In the late 1800's, most Americans were working 12-16 hours a day, seven days a week.

**B** Many believe that the idea of Labor Day was proposed by either Matthew Maguire or Peter McGuire.

**C** Following Labor Day...

**D** The first observ...

**E** The In and s...

**F** The star priv...

ELIMINAT

**A** 75 A. Ohio became the first state to pass a law declaring Labor Day an official holiday.

**B** 25 B. The Knights of Labor organized the first Labor Day parade.

**C** 50 C. Children as young as six years old were working in factories.

**D** President Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd and 24th president.

**E** In 1886, the Haymarket Riot protests held by anarchy workers turned violent.

**F** 100

**G** 75

**H** 50

**I** 25

**J** 100

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What year was Labor Day first established?

A. 1882  
B. 1892  
C. 1902  
D. 1912

What is the purpose of Labor Day?

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4 DIGIT CODE

### LABOR DAY

The first Monday of September is the annual observation of Labor Day. Labor Day is a national holiday in the United States which celebrates American workers and employees as well as their economic achievements that have helped the country prosper.

Labor Day will be celebrated by families all over with barbecues, travel, picnics and sporting events. Most government offices, schools, and businesses will be closed. For younger Americans, the holiday signifies the end of summer and the back-to-school jitters.

Many believe that the idea of Labor Day was proposed by either Matthew Maguire or Peter McGuire. Matthew was a machinist and Peter was a carpenter. Peter McGuire was the...



### 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.

### 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 ODD numbered paragraph, leaving only EVEN numbers as your final code (in the order of questions). Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all.

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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.

### 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.

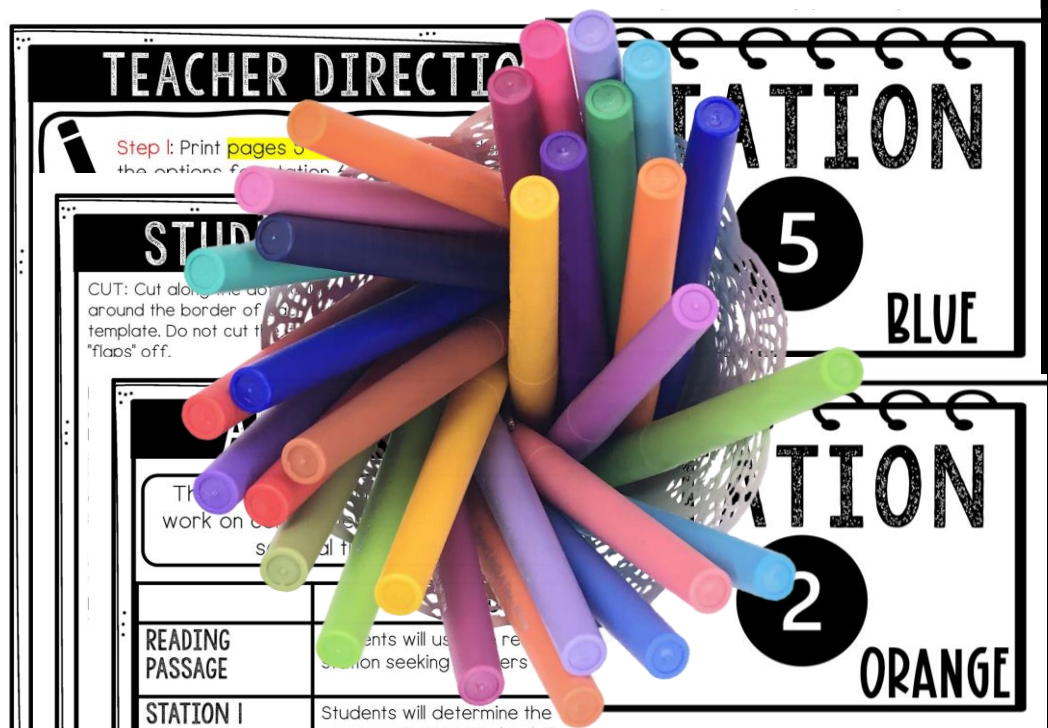
# STATION

# 1

# 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:

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3	railroad	6	1923	9	Coolidge

President George Washington (served in the 22nd and 23rd centuries) was an effort to stop riotous federal workers. The federal workers who were fired by George Washington. Their refusal to work caused traffic in \_\_\_\_\_ This led to the rights of \_\_\_\_\_

STATION

1

RED

The U.S. Department of Labor was created under President William Taft on March 4, \_\_\_\_\_. This department is responsible for Federal Labor Commission.

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MAIN IDEA

STATION

6



SUPPORTING DETAIL #2

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The LAST number of the lock is the year of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act MINUS 1960.

The SECOND number of the lock is

STATION

4

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.

What year did Massachusetts recognize Labor Day as a public holiday?

- A. 1878
- B. 1888
- C. 1898
- D. 1908

What year did the Fair Labor Standards Act set standards for wages?

- A. 1928
- B. 1938

In the late 19th century, many hours of work were \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 1-4
- B. 5-7
- C. 8-11
- D. 12-16

What is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States?

- A. NEA
- B. SWA
- C. UPS
- D. BPA

- A. Cleveland
- B. Taft
- C. Harding
- D. Roosevelt

STATION

5

BLUE

A  B  C  D

## 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 question. If the statement is false, do not color or shade the coin. One coin has been colored. The 4-digit code has been revealed. The first box is empty.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A  
75

B  
25

C  
50

D  
100

- C. Children as young as six years old were working in factories.
- D. President Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd and 24th president.
- E. In 1886, the Haymarket protest held by angry workers turned violent.
- F. The U.S. Department of Labor was created under President William Taft.
- G. Originally, the very first Labor Day took place on a Tuesday.
- H. Many believe that the idea of Labor Day was proposed by Peter McGuire or Peter Maguire.

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STATION

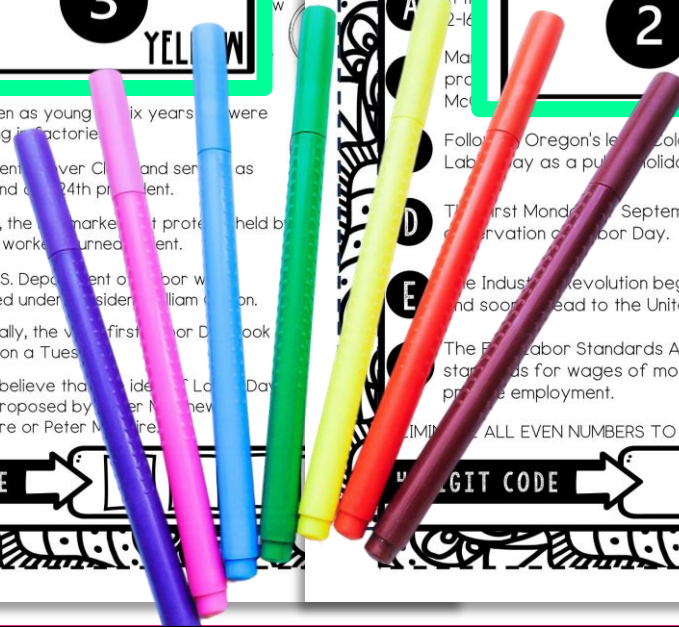
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ORANGE

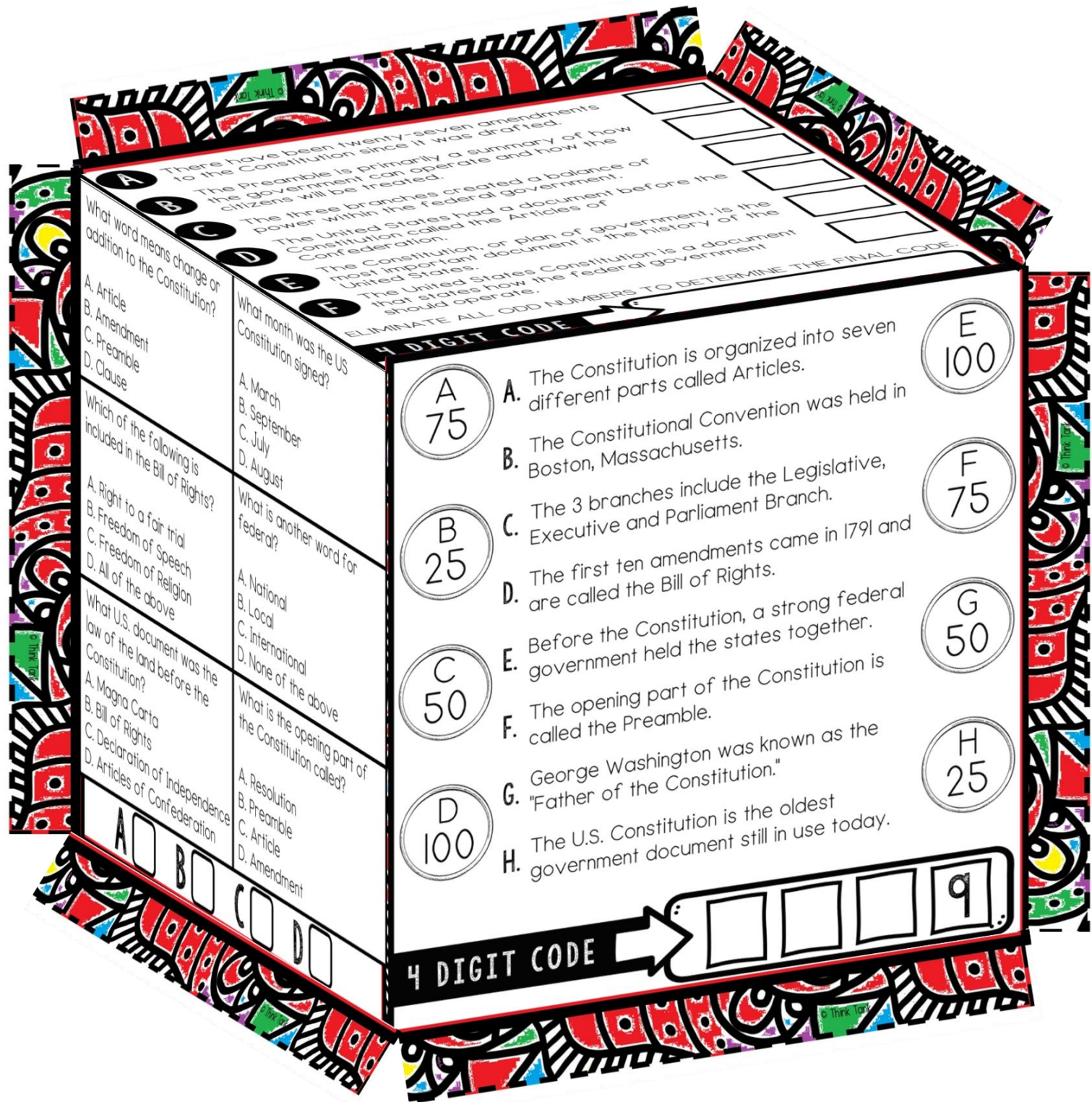
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- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
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- X. \_\_\_\_\_
- Y. \_\_\_\_\_
- Z. \_\_\_\_\_

ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

4 DIGIT CODE



# 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. A 4-digit code has been provided for you. If the code is 1234, the 1 in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

**A**  
75

**B**  
25

**C**  
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**D**  
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**B.** The Knights of Labor organized the first Labor Day parade.

**C.** Children as young as six years old were working in factories.

**D.** President Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd and 24th president.

**E.** In 1886, the Haymarket Riot protesting angry workers turned violent.

**F.** The U.S. Department of Labor was created under President William McKinley.

**G.** Originally, the very first Labor Day was placed on a Tuesday.

**H.** Many believe that the idea of Labor Day was proposed by either Matthew Maguire or Peter McGuire.

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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

