

WESTWARD EXPANSION

ESCAPE ROOM

When did the California Gold Rush end?

A. 1836
B. 1849
C. 1855
D. 1861

How many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to solve the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.

0231	1203
J	N

served as MINUS 3.

The FIRST number of the lock is the year the Lewis and Clark expedition began MINUS 1804.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number state Texas was when it joined the Union MINUS 22.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
K	K	F

months 5 ghost towns 7 1849
6 nine 8 1843
9 twelve

In ---, 1,000 pioneers headed out on the Oregon Trail in search of their own form of freedom. The Oregon Trail stretched through --- different states. The route began in Independence, Missouri and ended in Oregon City, Oregon. The pioneers used covered wagons pulled by oxen to carry their supplies. On average, it took about five --- to complete the journey.

The California Gold Rush took place between 1848 and 1855. Thousands of people headed to California in an attempt to get rich. Those who went to California in 1849 were known as the "Forty-Niners." Gold was first discovered by James Marshall at Sutter's Mill. When the gold ran out, the miners would move to new locations leaving abandoned towns known as ---.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
B	M	M

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

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. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Use the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A In 1803, Thomas Jefferson purchased a section of land from France known as the Louisiana Purchase.

B Those who went to California in 1849 were known as "Forty-Niners."

C To emigrate means to leave your home country for another.

D Native Americans lived on the land long before settlers expanded into their space.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

A 75	A. Thomas Jefferson served as America's 5 th president.	E 100
B 25	B. The Oregon Trail began in Jackson, Mississippi.	F
	C. The United States incorporated Florida under President James Monroe.	
	D. Expansion of the United States	

WESTWARD EXPANSION

Freedom was high on everyone's list of priorities on the frontier. Purchase had been added to the United States. Some sought financial freedom, or freedom from res... Some sought new kinds, but it was not without... Some sought... so they... In 1803, Thomas Jefferson... so they... of land from France known... so they... \$15 million, doubled the size... so they... overnight. With the Louisiana... so they... the west of the Louisiana... so they... headed by Meriwether Lewis... so they... were the first official expedition... so they... began in St. Louis, Missouri... so they... Mississippi River and made it... so they... Sagawaga joined... so they... total journey... so they... government... so they...

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STATIONS ACTIVITY

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 5 STATIONS
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ✓ PROP SIGNS

STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Use your reading passage to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER for each missing word, in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue LETTER on your answer sheet.

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

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. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Follow the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

STATION 4: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. 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. There is room on your answer sheet to do the math.

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4-digit code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in that box on your answer sheet.

ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES

LETTER CLUE

STATION 1	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE	<input type="text"/>
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A	B	C	D	E	F	
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STATION 2	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE	<input type="text"/>
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ENTER

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3

TEACHER DIRECTION

- 1 Print the reading passage found on [pages 5-6](#) for EACH (front and back).
- 2 Print the answer recording sheet on [page 12](#) for each student group of students.

RECAP: Print pages 5, 6, and 12 for students.

STATION

5

BLUE

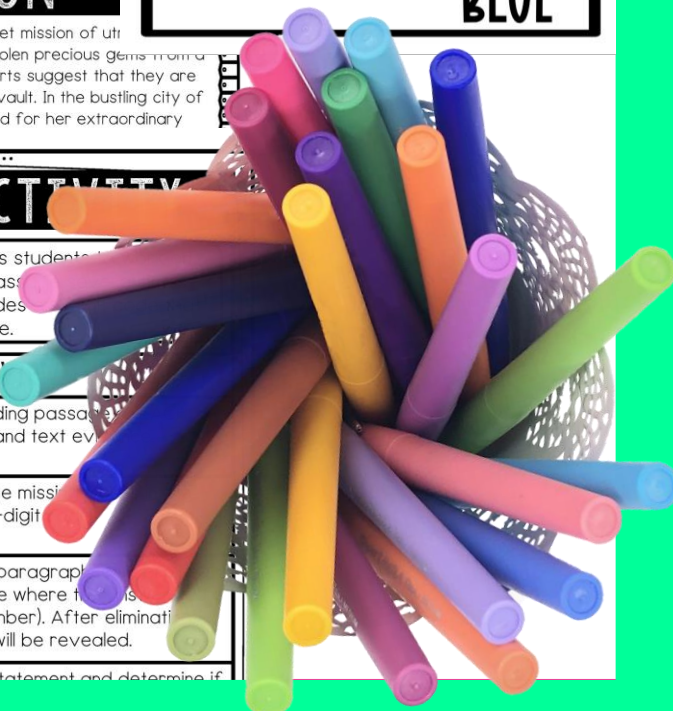
THE MISSION

You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. A notorious thief has stolen precious gems from a prominent lady, and intelligence reports suggest that they are hidden in a heavily guarded secret vault. In the bustling city of Oakville, Lady Victoria was renowned for her extraordinary

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to practice their comprehension skills after reading the passage. Students will be searching for evidence. Each station includes a question that will reveal a letter clue.

	OVERVIEW
READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at each station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing word in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs in the reading passage to determine where the missing words can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating the incorrect numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false.



5 STATIONS

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count how many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal the code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. Option is not used, put an X in that box on your answer sheet.

1. In what state did the Clark expedition take place?

A. Mississippi
B. Missouri
C. Montana
D. Michigan

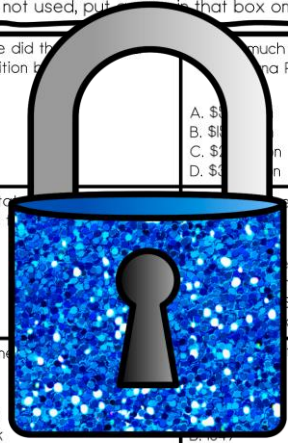
2. How many stations did the Oregon Trail stretch across?

A. 3
B. 9
C. 6
D. 12

3. Who was America's first president?

A. John Adams
B. James K. Polk
C. Thomas Jefferson
D. James Monroe

Count how many times you used each letter answer to determine the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.



ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION	STATION CODES	LETTER CODE
STATION 1	→ [] [] [] [] []	[]
STATION 2	→ A B C D E F	[]
STATION 3	→ A 75 B 25 C 50 D 100 E 100 F 75 G 50 H 25	[]
STATION 4	→ [] [] [] [] [] []	[]
STATION 5	→ 1 2 3 4 5 6	[]

Do your math in this area:

→ A# [] B# [] C# [] D# []

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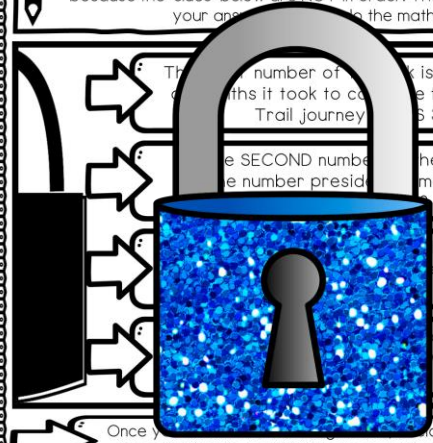
1. The number of stations is the number of months it took to complete the Oregon Trail journey.

2. The SECOND number of the lock is the number of presidents.

3. The lock is 22.

4. Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO



STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the order in which they appear in the paragraph. The code will be recorded on your answer sheet.

1. boom to [] 4. six [] 7. 184 []

2. weeks [] 5. ghost to [] 8. two []

3. months [] 6. nine [] 9. 184 []

In [] search of the Oregon Trail, the route stretched through the [] Oregon Territory. The [] route began in Independence, Missouri, and stretched west to [] City, Oregon. The [] pioneers used [] supplies. On their journey, [] to complete the journey.

The California Gold Rush began between 1848 and 1855. Thousands of people came to California in an attempt to find gold. Those who were known as "Forty-Niners." Gold was first discovered by James W. W. Sutter's Mill. When the gold ran out, the miners would move to new locations leaving abandoned towns known as []

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

B H M



STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that matches that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin. Once you are finished coloring the coins, add up the TRUE coin values to determine the final total. One digit of the code will be provided for you. The other three digits will be determined by the second box.

A 75 A. The Oregon Trail began in 1846.

B 25 B. The first gold discovery in California was made in 1848.

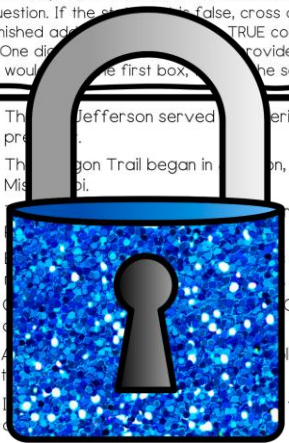
C 50 C. The first gold discovery in California was made in 1849.

D 100 D. The Corps of Discovery was headed by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

After shading the coins on your answer sheet, add up the values of the TRUE statements to get the final total.

250 300 350

G D E



STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement refers to. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than once or not at all. Follow the directions below to determine the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A In 1803, Thomas Jefferson purchased a large area of land from France known as the Louisiana Purchase.

B Those who went to California in 1849 were known as the "Forty-Niners."

C To emigrate to California, many people had to travel to another country.

D Native American settlers expanded their territory to the white mountains.

E In mid-1845, a man named James W. W. coined the term "Manifest Destiny."

F The United States incorporated Florida into their land holdings from Spain in 1819.

1. ELIMINATE the highest and lowest used paragraph numbers and record the remaining 4-digit code on your answer sheet. 2. Decide which paragraph number was NOT used as a CODE answer.

NO 6 NO 5 NO 3

L C S



STATIONS

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence. Each station includes a 4-digit code that will reveal a letter clue.


OVERVIEW

READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at EACH station seeking answers and text evidence.
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 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 "ABCD" answer.
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. (This will increase completion time)

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**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 5 stations, answer questions, decipher a 4-digit code at each station and grab a "letter" clue for the final alpha code.
- 2 Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their own recording sheet. Students will have to revisit their reading passage several times at EACH station skimming for answers.



STATION 1: FILL

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word is represented by a NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station is _____. Write the number for each missing word, in the same order as they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue letter.

1	boomtowns	4	six
2	weeks	5	ghost town
3	months	6	nine

In _____, 1,000 pioneers headed out on a search of their own form of freedom. They stretched through _____ different states to reach Independence, Missouri and ended in California. The pioneers used covered wagons pulled by oxen for supplies. On average, it took about five months for the journey.

The California Gold Rush took place in the 1840s. Thousands of people headed to California in search of gold. Those who went to California in 1849 were called "Forty-Niners." Gold was first discovered at Sutter's Mill. When the gold ran out, the miners moved to new locations leaving abandoned towns behind.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, use the following key to decipher the alpha code:

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD
B	H

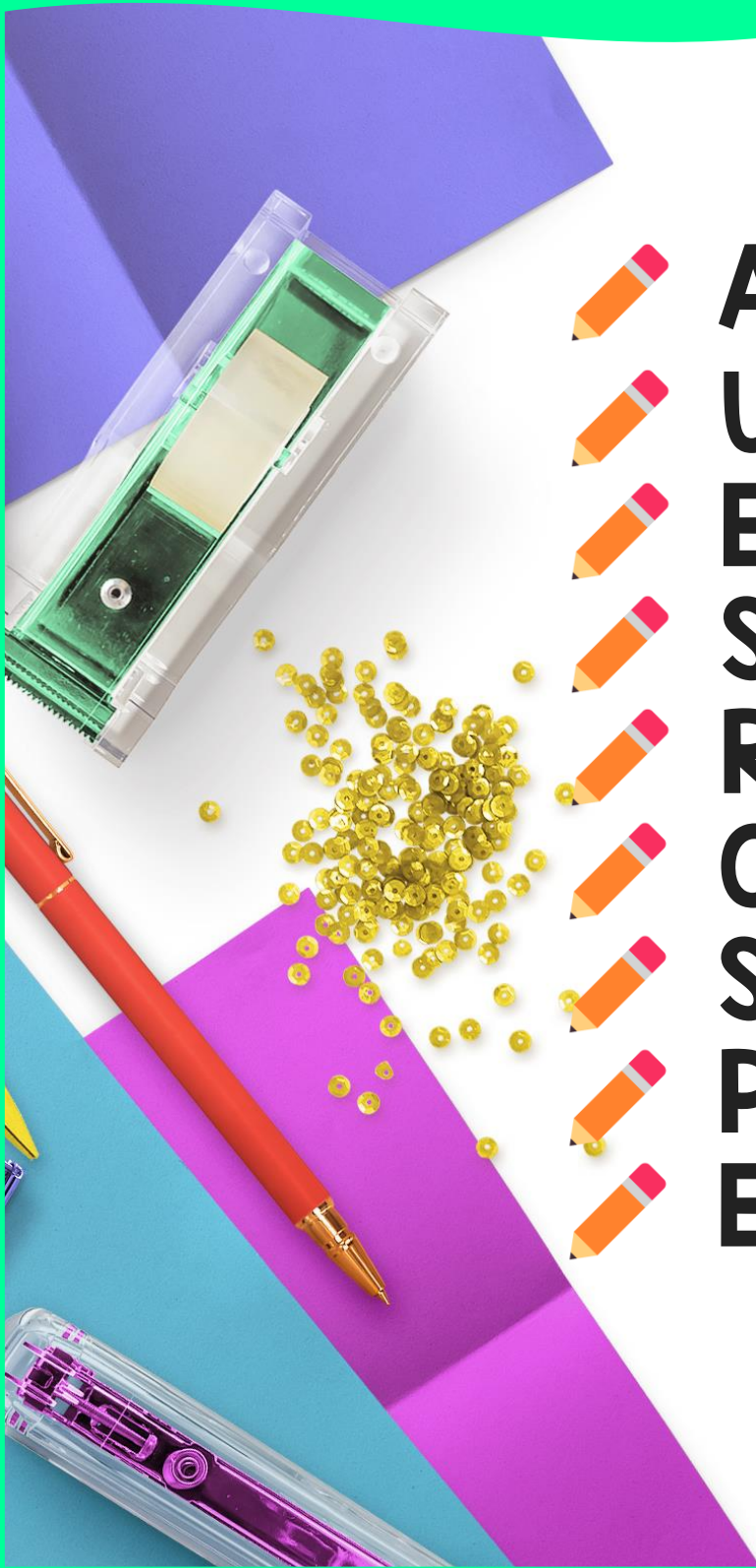









BENEFITS

- ✓ STATIONS AND MOVEMENT
- ✓ CLOSE READING
- ✓ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ SECRET CODES
- ✓ CITING EVIDENCE
- ✓ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✓ PRINT AND GO
- ✓ ACTIVE LEARNING
- ✓ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✓ HIGHLY ENGAGING
- ✓ NO LOCKS NEEDED
- ✓ NO SILLY ENVELOPES TO STUFF
- ✓ NO ODD SHAPES TO CUT OUT



Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

USE FOR:

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-  **ANTICIPATORY SETS**
 -  **UNIT REVIEW**
 -  **EARLY FINISHERS**
 -  **STATIONS**
 -  **REWARD ACTIVITY**
 -  **CENTERS**
 -  **SUB PLANS**
 -  **PARTNER WORK**
 -  **ENRICHMENT**