

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 BLANK	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, 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.

100	Artemis	60
two	navy	coins
Sparta	Olympus	wall

In Ancient Greece there was no one ruler over the whole country. Instead, each major city was responsible for ruling itself and the smaller cities, farmland, and country estates around it. The two most important city-states in Ancient Greece were Athens and _____ but Corinth, Thebes, Argos, Delphi, and Rhodes were also vital parts of Ancient Greece along with nearly 1,000 others.

A city-state, also called a "polis," had an urban center, or city center that branched out into the neighboring countryside. There was often a _____ built around the center of the city for protection from enemies of the city-state. The city centers, or acropolis, were built inside the walls on the top of a _____. Every city-state believed the twelve most important Greek gods lived on Mount _____.

In each city-state, the center of activity was called the agora. The agora included an open-air marketplace and gathering place for the town. Elected officials would hold meetings near the agora in places called "bouleuterion" or council house. The agora usually had a mint, or a place where _____ were made.

The city-state of Sparta was run by an oligarchy, meaning a small number of people were in charge. Sparta had _____ kings and a council of five men, called ephors, who watched over the kings. Sparta placed a strong emphasis on everyone working together to support the military. All Spartan boys began their military training at age 7 and served until they were _____. Sparta was dedicated to Greek gods Ares and _____.

The city-state of Athens, in a region called Attica, valued education and personal growth. Instead of a strong military on land, Athens favored a strong _____ in the water because they were close to the ocean and used fast ships called triremes. They were run by a democracy where they allowed every person a vote in how the city was run. Athens was home to many famous philosophers including Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates. The Parthenon was a temple built to honor the Greek goddess Athena.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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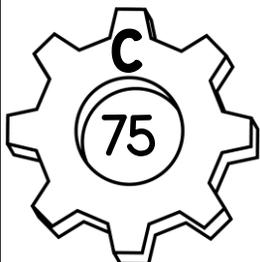
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. Thebes was the birthplace of the famous Ancient Greek poet Oedipus.

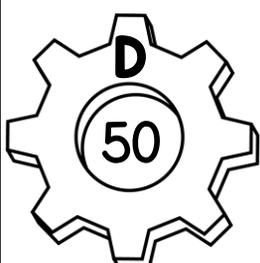


B. The Spartan military was made up of men who served until they were 45.

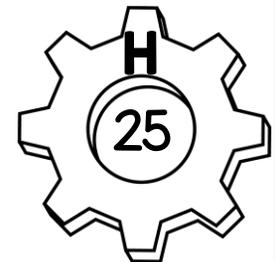


C. City-states were often separated by mountains, rocky terrain, or were on islands.

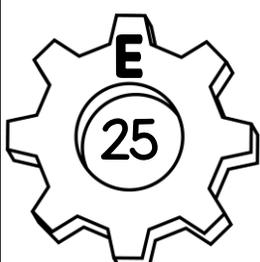
D. Corinth was dedicated to the Greek god Hercules.



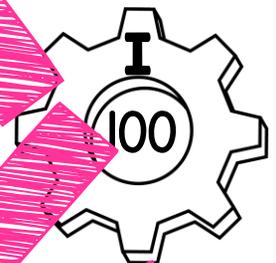
E. The Parthenon was a temple built to honor the Greek goddess Athena.



F. In each city-state, the center of activity was called the bouleterion.



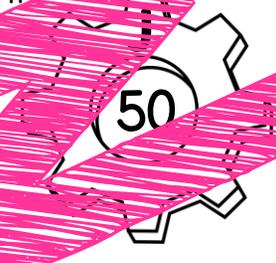
G. Sparta had four kings.



H. The city centers, or acropolises, were built inside the walls, on the top of a hill.

I. Every city-state believed the twelve most important Greek gods lived on Mount Olympus.

J. The agora usually had a mint, or a place where coins were made.



TOTAL: _____

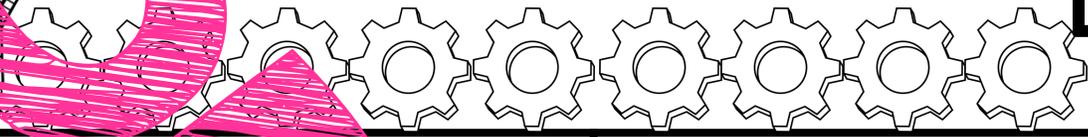
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. Greeks believed the _____ most important gods lived on Mount Olympus.

- A. 12
- B. 16
- C. 20
- D. 24

2. _____ was famous for its architectural beauty.

- A. Athens
- B. Delphi
- C. Argos
- D. Corinth

3. Athens used fast ships called _____.

- A. Bouleterion
- B. Trireme
- C. Polis
- D. Evrotas

4. What was the council of five men who watched over the Spartan kings called?

- A. Aspis
- B. Agoge
- C. Ephors
- D. Dory

5. Which city-state was home to Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates?

- A. Thebes
- B. Athens
- C. Corinth
- D. Argos

6. Elected officials would hold meetings near the agora in places called a "_____."

- A. Trireme
- B. Polis
- C. Mint
- D. Bouleterion

7. What type of government was Sparta ruled by?

- A. Confederation
- B. Dictatorship
- C. Democracy
- D. Oligarchy

8. Which city-state had the statue of the Titan Helos?

- A. Athens
- B. Delphi
- C. Rhodes
- D. Corinth

9. Eventually, the city-states were forced to unite under _____.

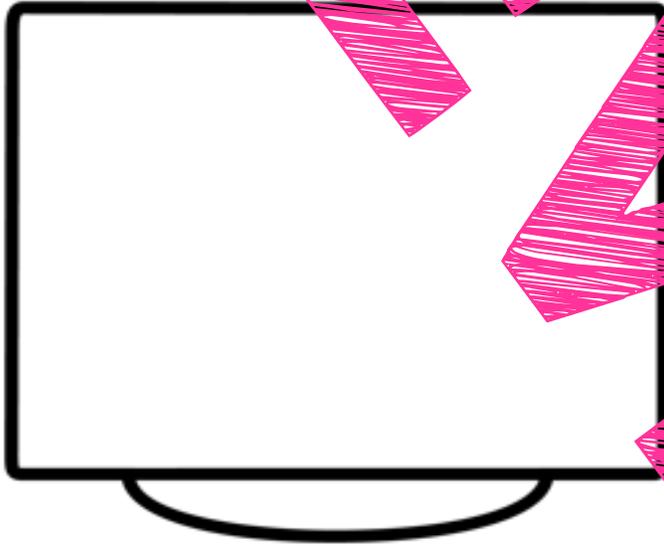
- A. Alexander the Great
- B. Xerxes
- C. Cyrus the Great
- D. King James II

10. The Spartan military was made up of men who served until they were _____.

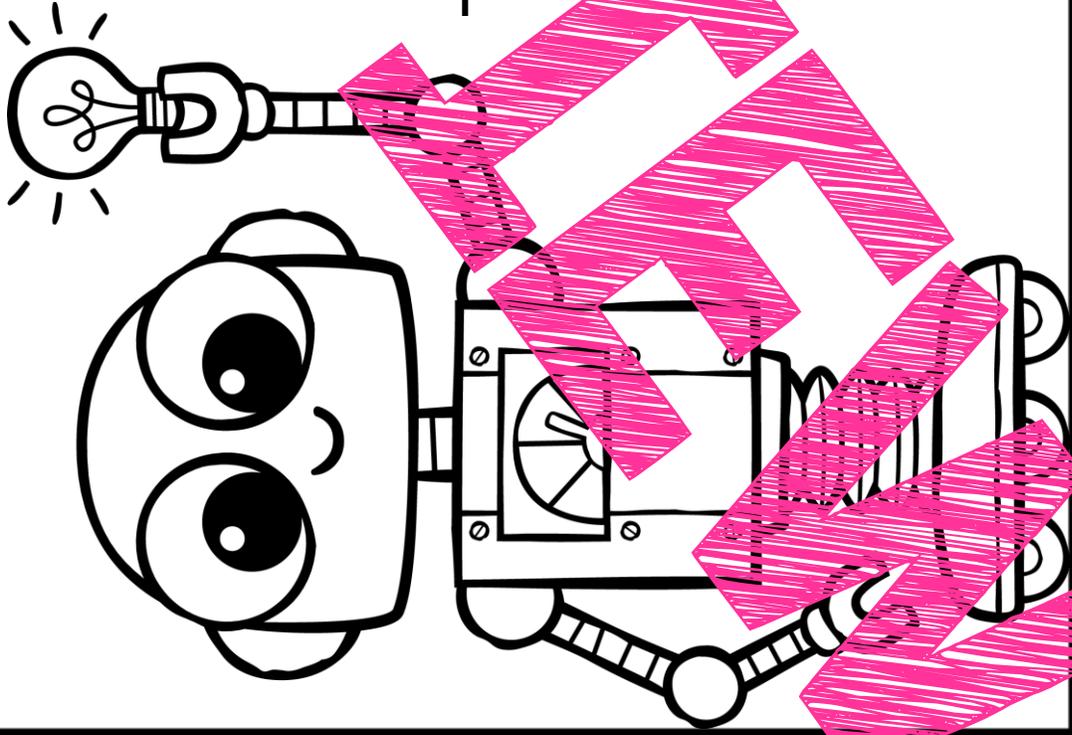
- A. 30
- B. 40
- C. 50
- D. 60

BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



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