

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close 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	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to support the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will reread the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out the final summary graphic organizer.
GRADE LEVEL	PASSAGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

shared	pay	Thursday
banks	ten	Oklahoma
... ..	food	drop

The Great Depression happened in the 1930s and lasted about _____ years. It was a terrible economic time in America and the rest of the world. Many Americans were out of jobs, had no money, shelter or _____. Debts (money owed) began to increase.

The stock market is an important component (part) of how the Great Depression started. A stock is _____ ownership in a company. Anyone can invest or buy a stock, or a part of a company. In the 1920s, the stock market value was increasing, so many people were investing (buying) heavily into it. However, stock value soon began to _____, and people tried selling their stocks to ensure they didn't lose their money. Everyone selling at once led to the crash of the market in _____. This meant that stocks lost all of their value and people's money was worthless. The day the stock market crashed is known as 'Black _____'.

The Great Depression started after the stock market crashed. The failure of _____ also contributed to it. When the Denver Flood hit, many people tried to pull their money out from their bank accounts at once. Before the Depression, people had also borrowed money from banks on credit. In fact, too much money was borrowed and now people were unable to _____ it back. Too much borrowing and many people trying to withdraw at the same time meant banks didn't have enough money, leaving banks to fail and people without their savings.

Another thing that contributed to the Great Depression was a drought (no rain) in the Great Plains. The Great Plains consisted of parts of Colorado, Kansas, Texas, _____, and New Mexico. The lack of water meant farmers were struggling to produce enough crops. It became known as the Dust Bowl because the lack of rain coupled with high winds brought a lot of dust storms. Many farmers lost

TASK COMPLETION SHEET

Directions: As you complete each task, color the icons found below. When all boxes have been colored, you have completed each task successfully.

TASK 1

Filling in the blanks



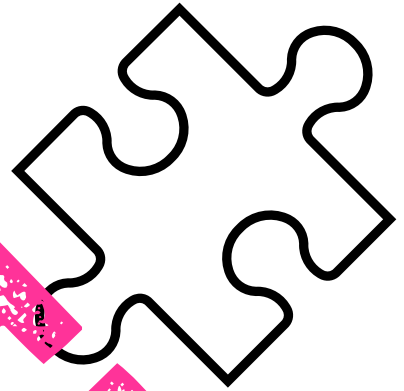
TASK 2

Vocabulary



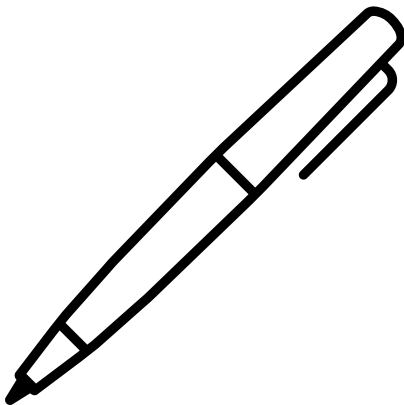
TASK 3

Crossword



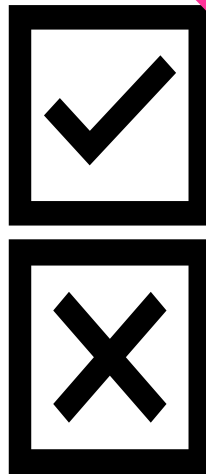
TASK 4

Text Marking



TASK 5

True - False



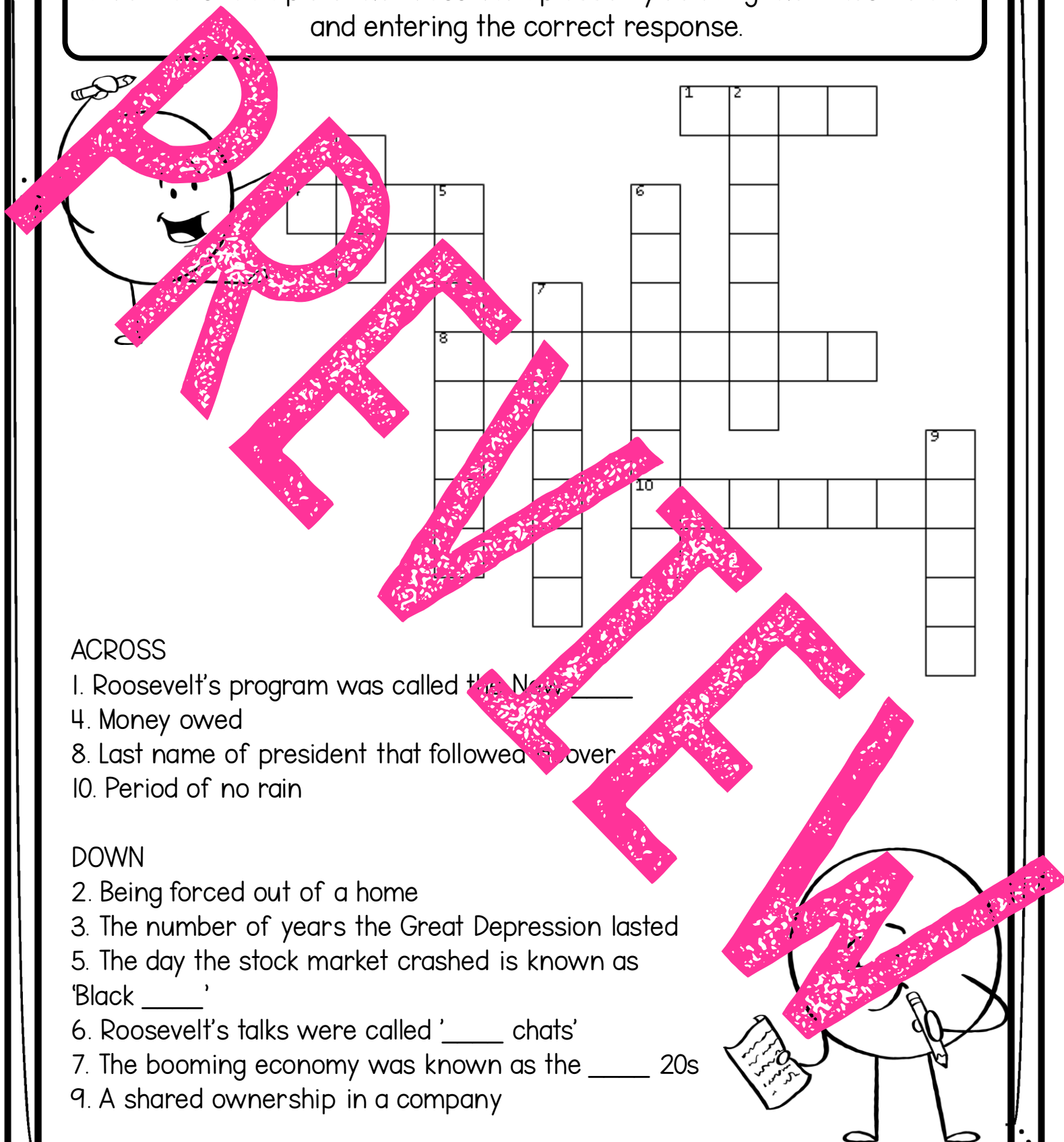
TASK 6

Summary



TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



ACROSS

1. Roosevelt's program was called the New _____
4. Money owed
8. Last name of president that followed Hoover
10. Period of no rain

DOWN

2. Being forced out of a home
3. The number of years the Great Depression lasted
5. The day the stock market crashed is known as 'Black _____'
6. Roosevelt's talks were called '_____ chats'
7. The booming economy was known as the _____ 20s
9. A shared ownership in a company

TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.



WORD



PICTURE



DEFINITION

TASK 6: SUMMARIZE



TOPIC SENTENCE



SUPPORTING DETAIL

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SUMMARY



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