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Clue # 3

Did you know?

Pompeii was originally settled around the 8th century BC by the Oscan peoples.

POMPEII

Pompeii was an ancient Roman city about 5 miles from Mt. Vesuvius. Pompeii and its 20,000 population were known for trade and farming. Rich volcanic soil from previous Vesuvius eruptions made fertile farmland for grapes and olive trees. Pompeii was a resort city where people went for vacation. Wealthy citizens had summer homes in Pompeii.

There were temples to the gods Venus, Apollo, and Jupiter. Pompeii had streets with running water. The upper class had running water in their homes. There was even a large amphitheater for gladiator games, plays, religious celebrations, and concerts. Disasters eventually destroyed Pompeii. In 62 AD, a massive earthquake destroyed homes and buildings. While earthquakes were common, this one caused so much damage that it took 17 years to rebuild. A side effect of earthquakes can be volcanic activity.

In 79 AD, Pompeii held a festival to honor Vulcan, the god of fire. The next day, Pompeii was destroyed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted. There were tremors in the days leading up to the major eruption. There was even smoke on top of the mountain. However, nobody knew what would come next. Scientists think that the ash could be seen over the mountain in a cloud of ash and rocks. In about 19 hours, Pompeii was entirely covered in volcanic ash and rock. Over 16,000 people died.

It wasn't until the 1700s that archaeologists discovered Pompeii. Many things were still intact including buildings, homes, workshops, paintings, and more.

Question How many years did it take to rebuild Pompeii after the earthquake in 62 AD?

- A. 17 years
- B. 18 years
- C. 19 years
- D. 20 years

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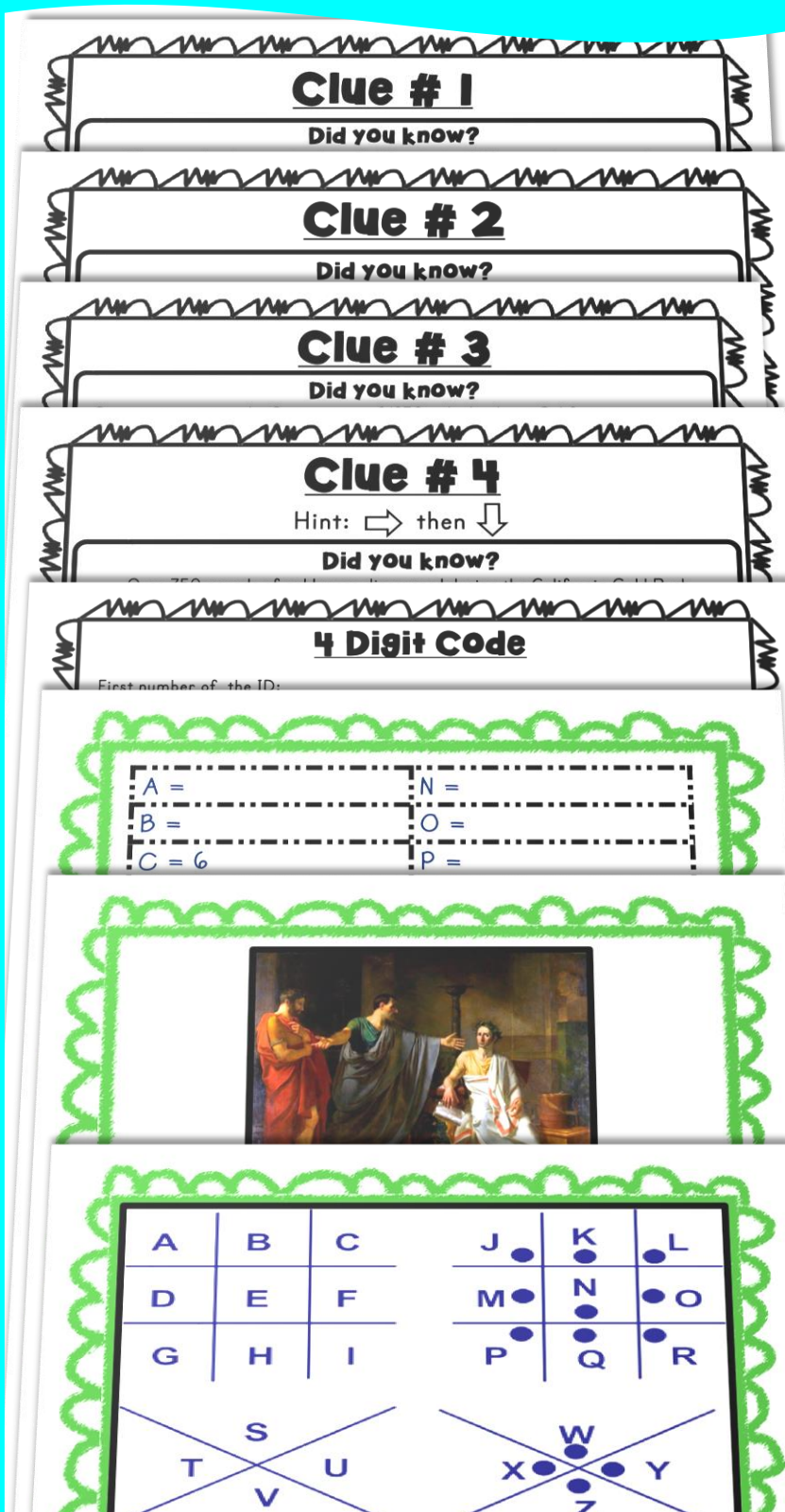
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Did you know?
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Clue #1

Did you know?

The Roman Empire was considered one of the most influential empires in history. Ancient Rome ruled Europe for approximately 1000 years. Before that time, the history of Rome is not quite known. Sometimes the stories are based on history while other stories are based on myths.

Historians have determined that Rome began around 1000 BC on Palatine Hill. Six other hills were settled as well: the Aventine, Caelian, Capitol, Esquiline, Quirinal, and Viminal. Augustus, Mark Antony, Cicero and the most wealthy and famous Romans eventually settled in Rome, Italy.

Mythology states that the twins Remus and Romulus founded Rome in 753 BC. The myth highlights how Romulus killed Remus and became the first king of Rome. Some think the name Rome comes from Romulus' name.

The first settlers in Rome included Latin people. Greeks and the Sabines also

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Did you know?

Julius Caesar was elected to Consul in the Roman Republic when he was 19.

AUGUSTUS

Augustus, born Gaius Octavius, established the Roman Empire. As a young man since he had no children of his own, he adopted him and made him heir to the throne.

Julius Caesar was assassinated on March 15, 44 BC. Marc Antony, a relative of Caesar and famous general, wanted to be the dictator. After clashing with Octavian, they finally agreed to a truce with Lepidus, called the Second Triumvirate. Octavian, Marc Antony, and Lepidus shared power in Rome.

The Triumvirate later battled for power. Lepidus was defeated and died. Octavian, meanwhile, Marc Antony, and Octavian, Marc Antony, and Octavian defeated Marc Antony and Cleopatra in 31 BC.

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Did you know?
The first games at the Colosseum lasted 100 days with 3000 gladiator fights.

THE COLOSSEUM

The Colosseum is a large amphitheater built during the Roman Empire. Located in Rome, Italy, construction began in 72 AD by Vespasian, the emperor. Originally, the structure was named Flavian Amphitheater. The name change to Colosseum was perhaps because it was close to the sculpture of Colossus of Nero.

On over 6 acres, the Colosseum was 620 feet long, 512 feet wide, and 138 feet tall. It could fit 50,000 people, but seats were determined by rank. The emperor sat in the Emperor's Box. Senators sat next to the emperor, and soldiers followed by government officials behind them. Then came the common people and slaves and women.

Made of stones and concrete, The Colosseum has four tiers of arches with 80 arches on each floor. These arches kept the weight down while strengthening the structure. The floor was wood covered with sand. Underneath the architectural hypogeum, a maze of underground passages. Thirty two trap doors in these passages allowed animals, actors, and gladiators to suddenly appear. In 847 a large earthquake caused the southern side to collapse.

How many trap doors were there?

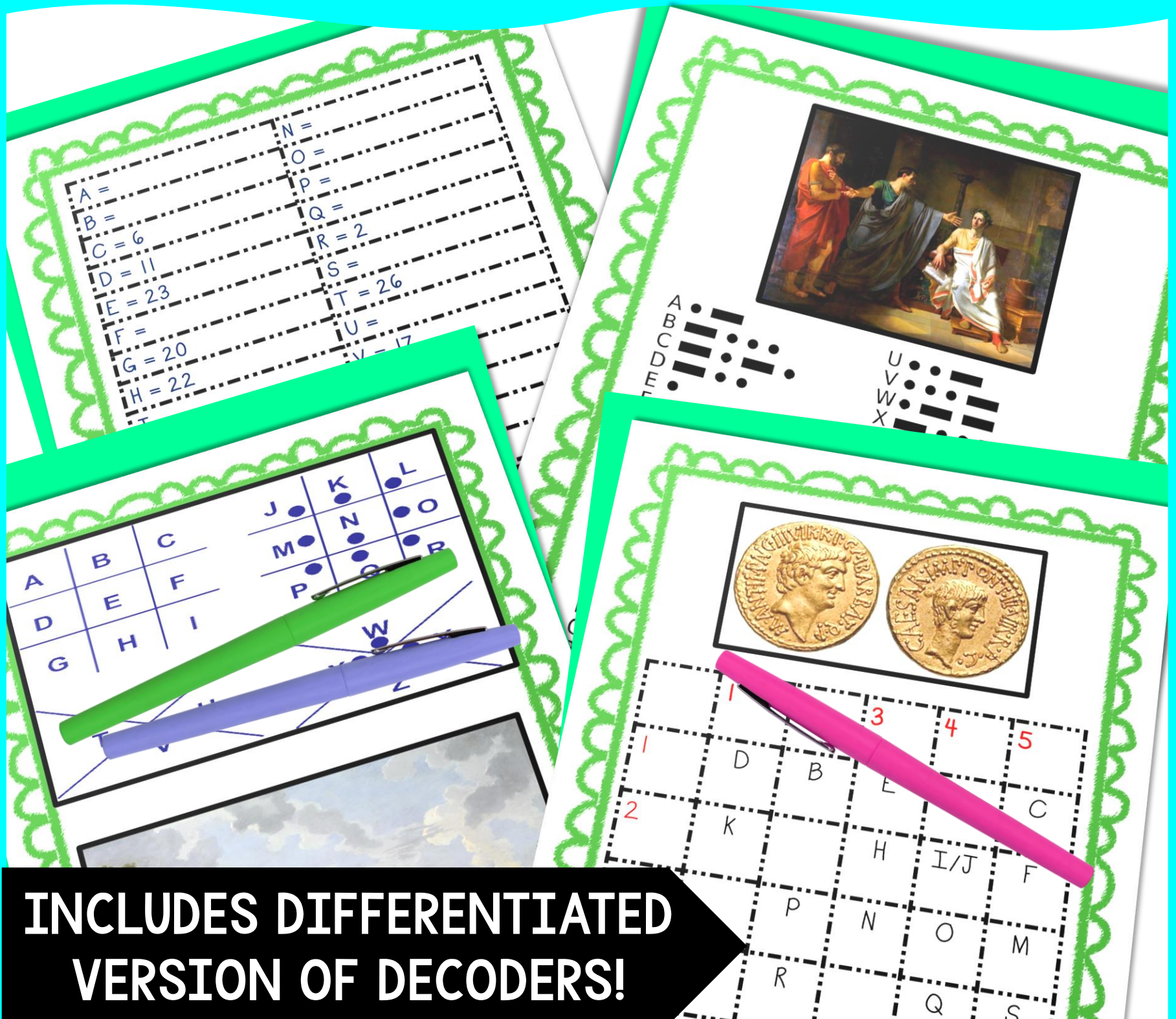
How many trap doors were in the Colosseum?

A. 28

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B. 30
C. 32
D. 34

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