

NORTH AMERICA

ESCAPE ROOM

A. Ottawa
B. Nova Scotia
C. Xanadu
D. Nuuk

6 Where is Mt. McKinley located?

A. Alaska
B. Toronto
C. California
D. Mexico City

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

3102 3201
J N

America is home to MINUS 20.

The FIRST number of the lock is the number of feet below sea level that Death Valley sits MINUS 280.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of continents that make up the land mass of the Earth MINUS 3.

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 P

Spanish 5 fourth 7
6 sixth 8 9 Vikings
10,000 Mongols

The --- largest country by size is Mexico, with 758,000 square miles and nearly 128 million people. The largest city in Mexico and all of North America is Mexico City, where over 9 million make their home. Mexico is one of the furthest countries south in North America and has warm temperatures year-round. The temperature rarely dips below freezing in Mexico but can get over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer. Most people in Mexico speak ---.

Most of the Native populations of people who live in North America are believed to have crossed to the continent from the North through Asia and Russia thousands of years ago. It is believed that the --- were the first Europeans to set foot on the North American continent over --- years ago.

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ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO
B 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 Canadians mostly speak English and French.
B Greenland is the third largest country by size in the American continent, with over 836,000 square miles.
C North America is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean to the west.
D The highest geographical location in North America is Mt. McKinley in Alaska at 20,310 feet above sea level.

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 B 25 C 100 F

A. Much of Canada is tundra making it too cold for people to inhabit.
B. North America is the fifth largest continent of the seven.
C. Greenland is the third largest country by size in the North American continent.
D. Lake Superior is the largest lake in the world.

NORTH AMERICA

There are seven continents that make up the land mass of the world. North America is the third largest continent of the seven, covering 17,840,000 square miles. However, it is not third in population. North America has the largest population with over 600 million people. Some of the most interesting cities, geographical features, and natural resources of North America are as well as Central America, the United States, and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The North American country is the largest country in the world with a population of around 384 million people. Much of Canada is tundra making it too cold for people to live near the poles.

THINK TANK

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

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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
→ (CODE)

STATION 2
A B C D E F

STATION 3
→ (CODE)

ENTER

1

2

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

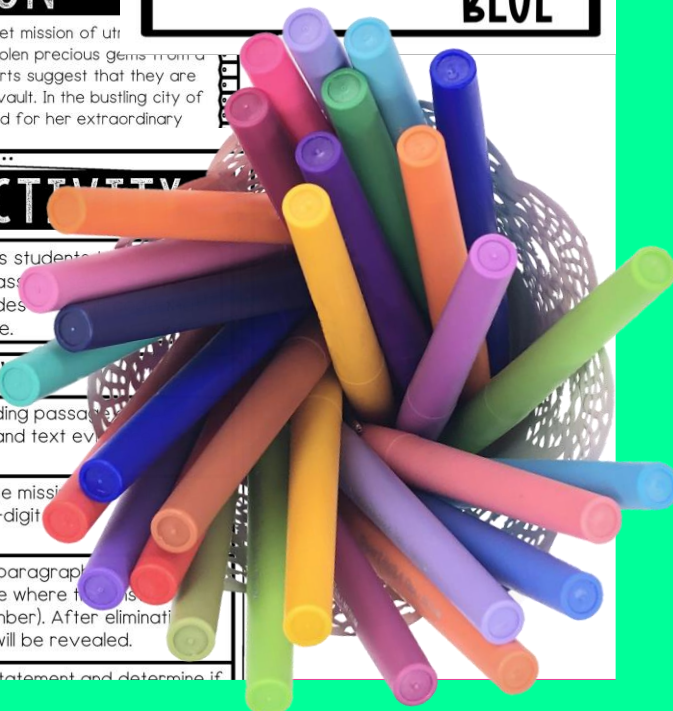
THE MISSION

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

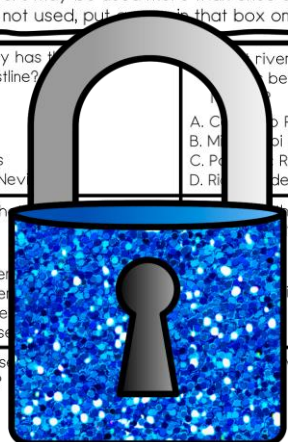
Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count how many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal the code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. An option is not used, put an X in that box on your answer sheet.

1. What country has the longest coastline?
 A. Mexico
 B. Canada
 C. United States
 D. St. Kitts and Nevis

2. What is the capital of Mexico?
 A. Mojave Desert
 B. Sonoran Desert
 C. Chihuahua Desert
 D. Atacama Desert

3. What is the highest mountain in the world?
 A. Canada
 B. Mexico
 C. Nevis
 D. Greenland

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



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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: Do your math in this area: [] [] [] []	[]
STATION 5: 1 2 3 4 5 6	[]

Do your math in this area:

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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.

1. LAST number of the lock is 19.

2. SECON D number of the lock is 20.

3. The lock is 280.

4. The lock is 3.

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 correct 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. 1,000
 2. French
 3. Spanish

4. 5,000
 5. fourt
 6. sixth

7. Vikin
 8. Mo
 9. 10,

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

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO



STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

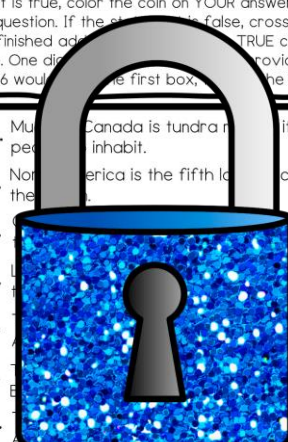
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that matches that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin. Once you are finished coloring the coins, use the TRUE coin values to determine the final 4-digit ALPHA code. One digit is provided for you: 625, a 6 would be the second box.

A 75
 B 25
 C 50
 D 100

After shading the coins on your answer sheet, use the TRUE statements to get the final total.

350 375 4

G D



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D. The highest mountain in North America is Mt. McKinley in Alaska.

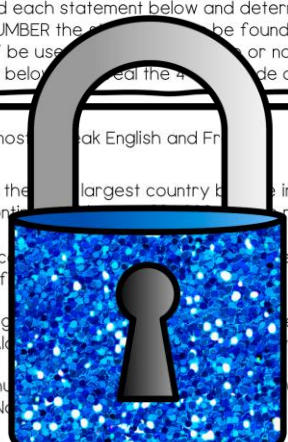
E. The Chihuahua Desert is in the western United States and New Mexico.

F. North America is the third largest continent of the seven, covering 9.4 million square miles.

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

NO 2 NO 9 NO 4

L C W



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)

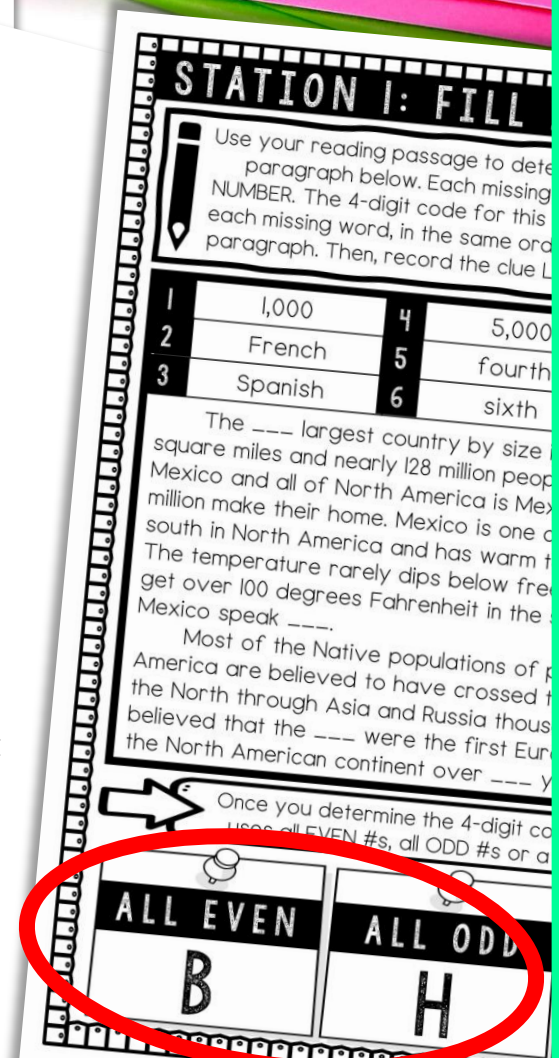
**STUDENTS WILL
USE THE SAME
READING
PASSAGE AT
EACH STATION
SEEKING
ANSWERS AND
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

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

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1	1,000	4	5,000
2	French	5	fourth
3	Spanish	6	sixth

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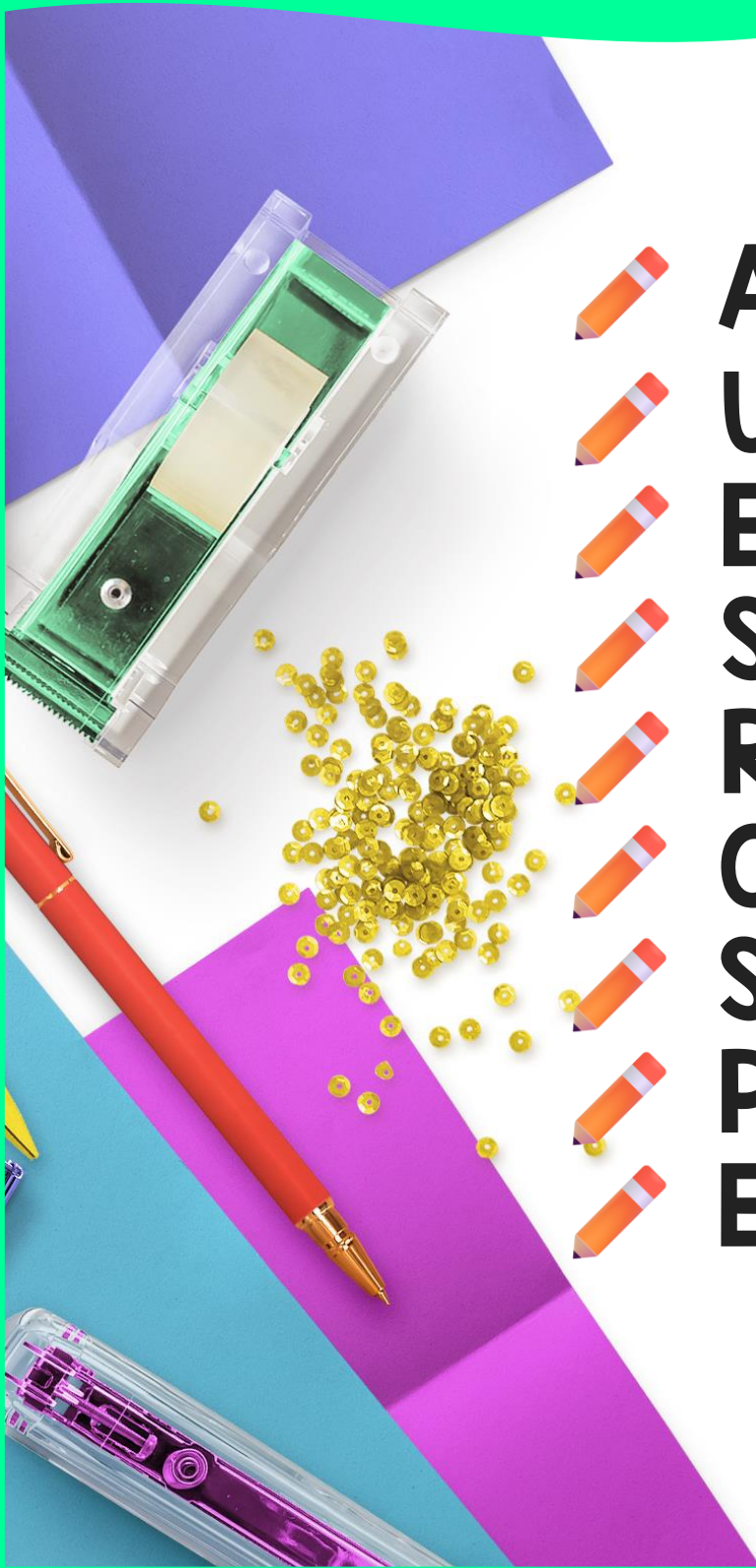









BENEFITS

- ✓ 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**