

# ARMED FORCES

## CUBE CODE

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has the power to declare

President  
Congress  
Supreme Court  
Vice President

The U.S. Space Force was  
established under what  
president?

A. Trump  
B. Obama  
C. Clinton  
D. Biden

Marine Corps

A. Sea  
B. Land  
C. Special Forces  
D. All of the above

Which article of the  
Constitution is the role of  
Commander in Chief outlined?

A. Article I  
B. Article II  
C. Article III  
D. Article IV

What is the largest and  
oldest branch of the military?

A. U.S. Navy  
B. U.S. Army  
C. U.S. Coast Guard  
D. U.S. Marines

The U.S. Space Force was  
established MINUS 2010.

The FIRST number of the lock is  
the number of branches of the United  
States Armed Forces MINUS 1.

The THIRD number of the lock is the  
number of months Navy SEALs spend  
training MINUS 17.

4	Civil	7	Revolutionary
5	red	8	newest
6	oldest	9	blue

When the U.S. fought for freedom from  
England in the Revolutionary War, they had to organize a military. A  
military is heavily armed, organized force of soldiers that focus on warfare.  
The military was officially established on June 14, 1775. The military was  
called the Continental Army and most of the soldiers were not very well trained. Many  
soldiers were people who worked on farms.

### STATION 2:

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. Lastly, eliminate ANY answer where the  
answer was found in an EVEN numbered paragraph, leaving only ODD  
numbers as your final code (in the order of questions). Paragraph  
numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all.

### STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the  
statement is true, color or shade the coin that corresponds to the  
question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. Once  
you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values. The  
code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 in the  
first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

**A** The Secretary of the Department of Defense is in charge of all military branches, except for the Coast Guard.

**B** An elite group of the Navy is known as the Sea, Air and Land Forces - or Navy SEALs.

**C** Today, the Department of Defense is the largest federal agency.

**D** During the Revolutionary War, the military was called the Continental Army.

**E** It is the duty of the President to declare war.

**F** The Department of Defense was established in 1789.

ELIMINATE

**A** 75

**B** 25

**C** 50

**D** 100

**E** 100

**F** 75

**G** 50

**H** 25

**I** 100

**J** 75

**K** 50

**L** 25

**M** 100

**N** 75

**O** 50

**P** 25

**Q** 100

**R** 75

**S** 50

**T** 25

**U** 100

**V** 75

**W** 50

**X** 25

**Y** 100

**Z** 75

**ARMED FORCES**

In the United States, the Armed Forces were founded to defend the country. There are different branches of the Armed Forces with different jobs in defending the country and protecting the citizens who call the United States home. There are six branches of the US Armed Forces, those branches are Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force.

When the United States fought for freedom from England in the Revolutionary War, they had to organize a military. A military is heavily armed, organized force of soldiers that focus on warfare. In the United States, the military was officially established on June 14, 1775. The military was called the Continental Army and most of the soldiers were not very well trained. Many soldiers were people who worked on farms.

4 DIGIT CODE:



### STATION 1:

Use your reading passage or deductive reasoning skills to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph.

### STATION 2:

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. Lastly, eliminate ANY answer where the answer was found in an ODD numbered paragraph, leaving only EVEN numbers as your final code (in the order of questions). Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all.

### STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color or shade the coin 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. 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:

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock. 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.

### STATION 5:

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

### STATION 6:

Reread the passage and write the main idea in your own words. Then, add TWO supporting details that back up your main idea or topic sentence.

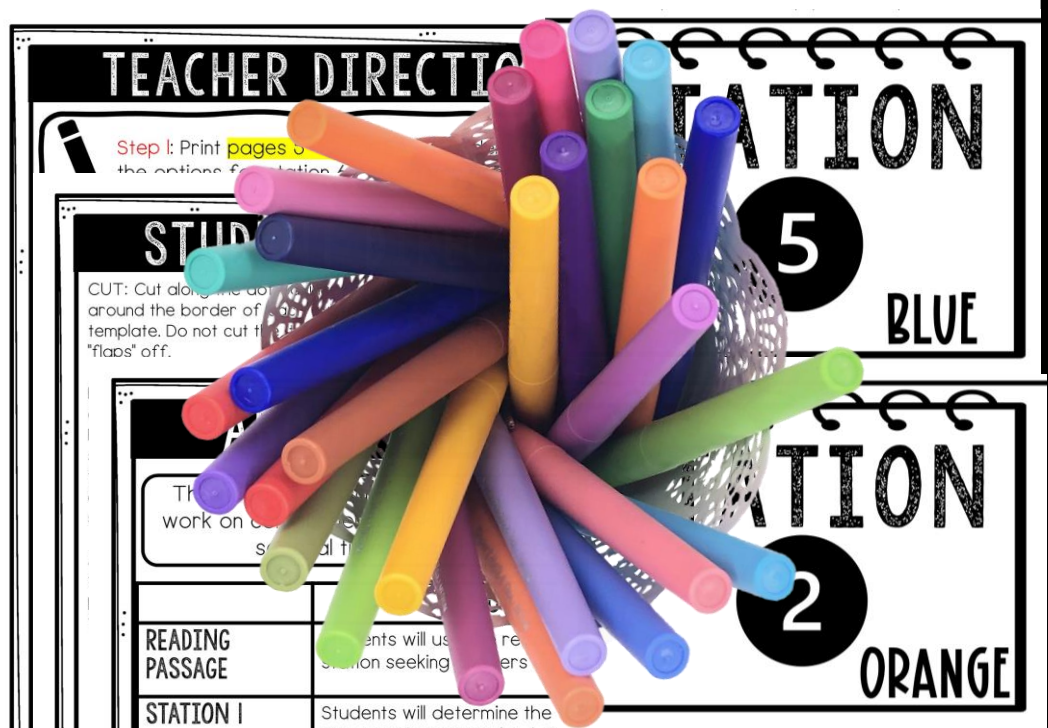
# STATION

# 1

# RED

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- READING PASSAGE
- 6 STATIONS
- TEACHER GUIDE
- STATION CARDS
- ANSWER KEY
- STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ALTERNATE STATION
- ASSEMBLY TIPS



# 6 STATIONS

## STATION 1:

Use your reading passage or deductive reasoning to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. The missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph.

### STATION

1

RED

## STATION 6:

Reread the passage and write the main idea in your own words. Then, add TWO supporting details that back up your main idea or topic sentence.

### STATION

6

SUPPORTING DETAIL #1

## STATION 4:

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock. 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.

The LAST number of the lock is the minimum age to join any branch MINUS 12.

The SECOND number of the lock is the

### STATION

4

GREEN

## STATION 5:

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

What are the Special Forces for the Army called?

- A. Elite Commanders
- B. Blue Berets
- C. SEALs
- D. Green Berets

What does training for the Marine Corps include?

A. Sea

### STATION

5

BLUE

Who has won the most wars?

- A. President George Washington
- B. Confederate General Robert Lee
- C. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall
- D. Vice President John Adams

The U.S. Marine Corps was established in 1790.

- A. Trump
- B. Obama
- C. Clinton
- D. Biden

- A. U.S. Navy
- B. U.S. Army
- C. U.S. Coast Guard
- D. U.S. Marines

A  B  C  D

## STATION 3:

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. Write the letter of the correct answer in the box. The first letter of each correct answer will form a 4-digit code.

### STATION

3

YELLOW

A 75

B 25

C 50

D 100

- C. Congress has the power to declare war.
- D. Originally, the Air Force was a unit of the Army known as the Aeronautical Division.
- E. The Marine Corps was created 13 years after the Navy.
- F. The U.S. Marine Corps is the smallest fighting force in the world.
- G. The minimum age to join any branch is 21.
- H. The U.S. Coast Guard was established August 4, 1790.

4 DIGIT CODE

## STATION 2:

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. Lastly, eliminate ANY answer where the number is not an even number. The remaining numbers will form a 4-digit code.

### STATION

2

ORANGE

A The U.S. Marine Corps is the smallest fighting force in the world.

B The U.S. Marine Corps was created 13 years after the Navy.

C The U.S. Marine Corps is the smallest fighting force in the world.

D The U.S. Marine Corps was created 13 years after the Navy.

E The U.S. Marine Corps is the smallest fighting force in the world.

F The U.S. Marine Corps was created 13 years after the Navy.

G The U.S. Marine Corps is the smallest fighting force in the world.

H The U.S. Marine Corps was created 13 years after the Navy.

Today, the Air Force is part of the Department of Defense (DOD).

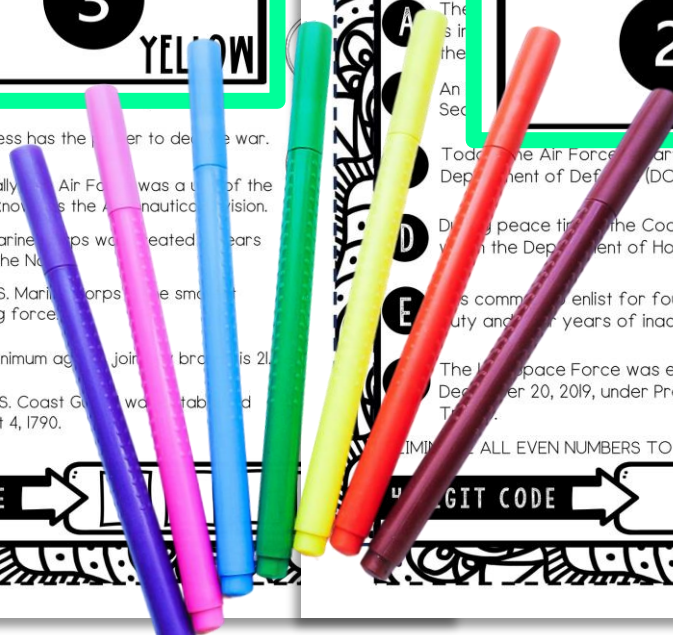
During peace times, the Coast Guard operates with the Department of Homeland Security.

It is common to enlist for four years of active duty and four years of inactive duty.

The U.S. Space Force was established December 20, 2019, under President Donald Trump.

ELIMINATE ALL EVEN NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL CODE.

4 DIGIT CODE



# SAMPLE CUBE




# STATIONS

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 EVEN 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 "answer".
STATION 6	Option 1: Main idea writing activity Option 2: Color and add topic
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.

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

# HOW IT WORKS



## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

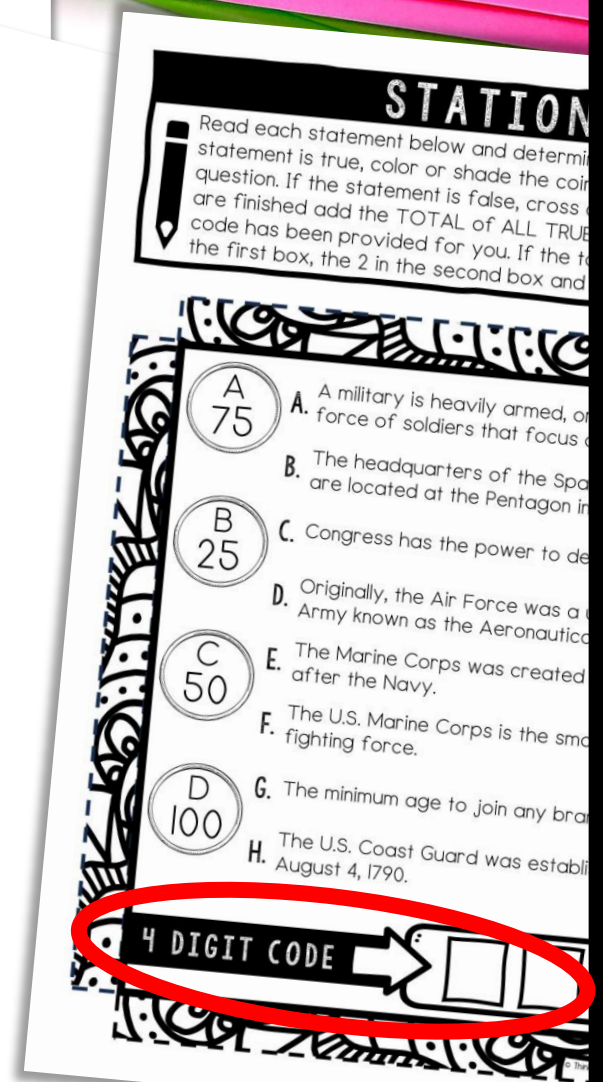
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.

2

Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their cube sheet before assembly. Students will revisit their reading passage at EACH station!

3

Students will reveal 4-digit codes to move on to the next station. When they finish all stations, they can color and assemble their cube.



**STATION**

Read each statement below and determine if the statement is true, color or shade the corresponding question. If the statement is false, cross it out. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE statements. A 4-digit code has been provided for you. If the total is 75, the code is 75. If the total is 100, the code is 100. If the total is 25, the code is 25. If the total is 50, the code is 50.

**A 75** A military is heavily armed, and consists of a large force of soldiers that focus on ground operations.

**B 25** The headquarters of the Special Operations are located at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

**C 50** Congress has the power to declare war.

**D 100** Originally, the Air Force was a part of the Army known as the Aeronautical Corps.

**E** The Marine Corps was created after the Navy.

**F** The U.S. Marine Corps is the smallest fighting force.

**G** The minimum age to join any branch of the military is 17.

**H** The U.S. Coast Guard was established on August 4, 1790.

**4 DIGIT CODE** →

# COMBINATION



**Each Cube Code is a winning combination of:**


- stations and movement
- close reading
- comprehension skills
- coloring and stress relief
- secret codes
- cut and paste
- citing evidence
- critical thinking

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

# BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  UNIT REVIEW
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  HANDS-ON
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

