

# ZIGGURATS OF MESOPOTAMIA

## ESCAPE ROOM

**ZIGGURATS**

"the land between rivers," was located between the Tigris and Euphrates in the Middle East (mostly present-day Iraq). There, the first civilizations were born thousands of years ago. A civilization is a group of people with shared customs, beliefs, and ways of life. Mesopotamia featured four major empires or civilizations. The ziggurats, step-like structures were created as places of worship. The ziggurats, were located in major cities. The ziggurats honored the gods of Mesopotamia had a polytheistic religion, which meant they believed in many gods, or gods. Ea was the god of wisdom and magic, Anu was the god of the earth, storms, and agriculture. The first ziggurat was built by different groups of early civilizations. The first ziggurat was built in the city of the Sumerians. The ziggurats were referred to as "temples" which meant "the foundation of heaven and earth."

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**

Ziggurats were places of ----.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Battle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4**

The most well-preserved ziggurat was built to worship the moon god ----.

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**LEVEL 1 DECODER**

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
<del>T</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>U</del>	<del>X</del>	<del>W</del>	<del>Y</del>
			Z		

L=2	J=q	F=1
R=0	W=4	A=6
T=8	G=3	Z=5
Q=7	D=q	P=0
H=1	Y=8	B=3
N=4	C=6	K=1

**LEVEL 2 DECODER**

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A = 

o	x	o
x		o
o	x	o

**DECODER**

2	ABC	3	DEF
5	JKL	6	MNO
8	TUV	9	WXYZ

**RECORDING SHEET**

LEVEL 1	Q1	Q2	Q3
	#	#	#

**THINK TANK**

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

**ZIGGURATS**

Mesopotamia, meaning "the land between rivers," was located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in the Middle East (mostly present-day Iraq). There, the first civilization came into existence thousands of years ago. A civilization is a group of people with their own way of life. Mesopotamia featured four major empires or civilizations. Very large and tall step-like structures were created as places of worship. These structures, known as ziggurats, were located in major cities. The ziggurats honored the

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1    LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2

LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1    LEVEL 2: QUESTION 2

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1    LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2




LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1    LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2




**LEVEL 1 DECODER**




A	B	C	J	K	L	L=2	J=9	F=1
D	E	F	M	N	O	R=0	W=4	A=6

**LEVEL 2 DECODER**

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =   

B =   

C =   





**LEVEL 3 DECODER**

1    2    3

ABC    DEF

**LEVEL 4 DECODER**

A B C D    8 0

Q           4    3

**RECORDING SHEET**

LEVEL 1


Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
#	#	#	#

LEVEL 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
#	#	#	#




**HOW TO DECODE**




A	B	C	J	K	L	L=2	J=9	F=1
D	E	F	M	N	O	R=0	W=4	A=6
G	H	I	P	Q	R	T=8	S=3	Z=5
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y=7	D=9	P=0
X	Y	Z				H=1	Y=8	B=3




Find the SHAPE that relates to your answer and determine the letter it represents. Example: L would be the letter L and  would be the letter D. Next, use the chart to determine what NUMBER the letter represents. D=9 and L=2.

This one can be tricky! First answer the FOUR questions for that level. Then, using the "math" problems, determine what each correct letter holds as a value (number). Be sure to enter the answers in the SAME ORDER as you answer the questions. Ex: D=9, W=4, H=1, Y=8, B=3

**LEVEL 2 DECODER**

 +  = 

A =   

B =   

C =   

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 4 PUZZLE DECODERS
- ✓ 16 MULTIPLE CHOICE Q'S
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ HINT CARDS



# 16 QUESTIONS

**ZIGGURATS**  
"the land between rivers," was located in the Middle East (mostly present-day Iraq). Thousands of years ago. A civilization of Mesopotamia featured four major empires. Ziggurats, were located in major cities. Mesopotamia had a polytheistic religion. Ea was the god of wisdom, or gods. Ea was the god of wisdom. The ziggurat was the foundation of the Sumerians.

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1**  
Mesopotamia, meaning was located between the Tigris and ---- Rivers.  
A Lackawaxen B Yangtze  
C Combahee D Euphrates

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**  
Ziggurats were places of ----  
A Eating B Worship  
C Soldiers D Priests

**LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1**  
Who were considered to be the people closest to the gods?  
A Soldiers B Priests  
C Serfs D Pharaohs

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3**  
How many chambers do they have?

**RECORDING SHEET**  
LEVEL 1  
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4  
# # # #

**RECORDING SHEET**  
LEVEL 1  
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4  
# # # #

**LEVEL 1 DECODER**  
B C J K L  
E F M N O  
H I P Q R  
U X Y Z  
L=2 J=q  
R=0 W=4  
T=8 G=3  
Q=7 D=q  
H=l Y=8  
N=4 C=6

**LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1**  
What was the capital city of the Sumerians?  
A Su B Ur  
C Om D Ak

**LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2**  
Much Ancient from

**LEVEL 3 DECODER**  
1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 9  
ABC DEF  
GHI JKL MNO  
PQRS TUV WXYZ

**LEVEL 2**  
+ [X O X O]  
+ [X O X O]  
[X O X O]  
[X O X O]

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1**  
What was the name of the god of Babylon?  
A Praetor B Marduk  
C Fentin D Kardem

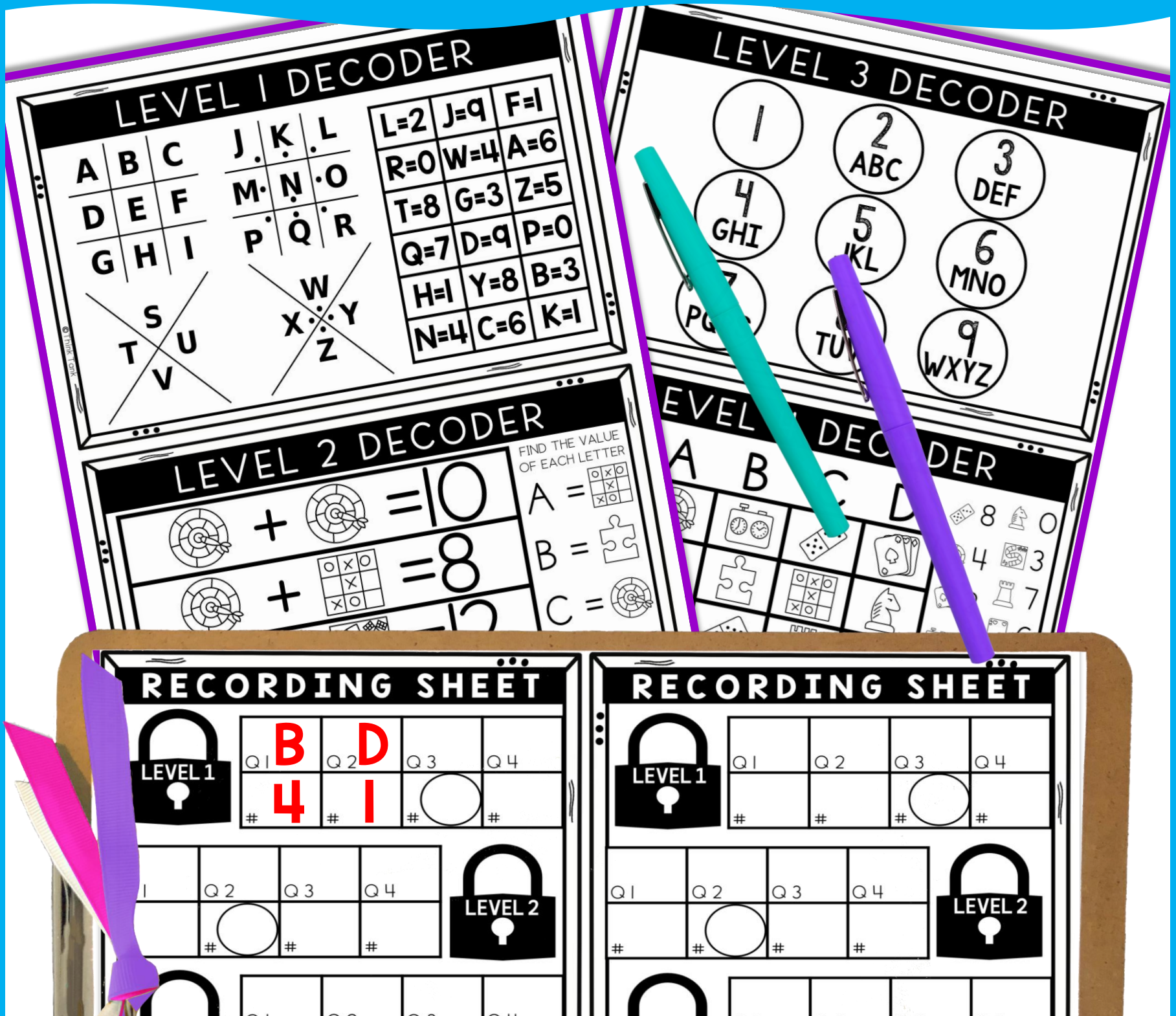
**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2**  
What was the outside of a ziggurat made with?  
A Baked Conifers B Baked brick  
C Chime D Twine

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 3**  
What word means worshipping many deities?  
A Autocratic B

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 4**  
Who was the god of Enlil?

**LEVEL 4 DECODER**  
Q1 [X O X O] [X O X O] [X O X O] [X O X O] 8 9 0  
Q2 [X O X O] [X O X O] [X O X O] [X O X O] 4 5 3  
Q3 [X O X O] [X O X O] [X O X O] [X O X O] 2 7 6


# PUZZLE TYPES



# PRINT, CUT, PLAY



# HOW IT WORKS



## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 16 question cards.

2

Students will answer the questions found directly in the passage on their recording sheet.

3

Students will use that specific “decoder” to reveal a 4-digit code for each level.

### ZIGGURAT

Mesopotamia, meaning "the land between rivers," was located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in the Middle East (mostly present-day Iraq) and came into existence thousands of years ago. A civilization that emerged there had its own way of life. Mesopotamia featured four major empires. Very large and tall step-like structures were created called ziggurats, which were located in major cities. The main god of each city. Mesopotamia had a polytheistic religion and worshipped many deities or gods. For example, the god of the sun was Shamash.

### LEVEL 1 DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L	L=2	J=9	F=1
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G	H	I	P	Q	R	T=8	G=3	Z=7
<del>T S U</del>			<del>W X Y</del>			Q=7	D=9	P=6
<del>V</del>			<del>Z</del>			H=1	Y=8	B=3
						N=4	C=6	K=1

### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1

Mesopotamia, meaning was located between the Tigris and \_\_\_ Rivers.

Lackawaxen

Yangtze

Combahee

Euphrates

### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2

Ziggurat places

Eating

Worship

### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3

How many chambers did ziggurats have?

Zero






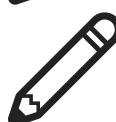
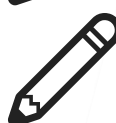
### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4





The most well-known ziggurat was built in Uruk and worshipped the moon god Nanna.

# BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

-  LOW PREP
-  PRINT, CUT & PLAY
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

