

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The 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 BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

empty	settle	Travis
King	Spain	worship
18	1835	rebel

"Remember the Alamo!" This phrase has been pivotal in rallying the spirits of the people of Texas throughout history. The Battle of the Alamo was a conflict lasting only _____ days, but it is important in the history of Texas and the United States.

The Alamo is a building that you can still find in San Antonio, Texas. It was originally built by missionaries spreading Christianity into Mexico. The mission was a place for them to live and _____ freely. Missionaries called it the 'Mission San Antonio de Valero' and used the building for about 70 years. By the 1800s, the mission was abandoned (left _____) by the missionaries and Spanish military troops had taken over. The Spanish troops called it 'El Alamo' because it is the Spanish name for Cottonwood trees.

The building was important in the Mexican War of Independence where Mexico won independence from _____ in 1821. It was used to house troops as they fought the war. After Mexico won independence, immigrants from nearby United States territories started to make Texas their home. Stephen Austin brought 300 families to _____ in Texas. By the 1830s, thousands of immigrants were fighting for their own independence from Mexico.

A Mexican general named Santa Anna took control of the government of Mexico in 1832. The Texans did not like or agree with Santa Anna. The Texans, calling themselves 'Texians,' started to _____.

In December of _____, Texan troops overwhelmed the Mexican forces at the Alamo and captured the fort. The leaders of the troops now in control of the Alamo were two men named Colonel James Bowie and Lieutenant Colonel William B. _____.

One of the men under their command was famous frontiersman Davy Crockett. Crockett was known as the "_____ of the Wild Frontier" because of his

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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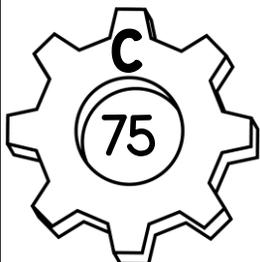
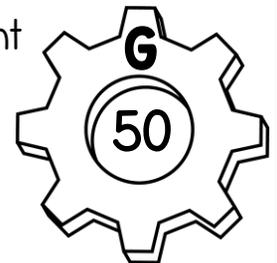
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. The Battle of the Alamo was a conflict lasting only 4 days.

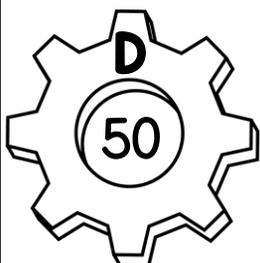
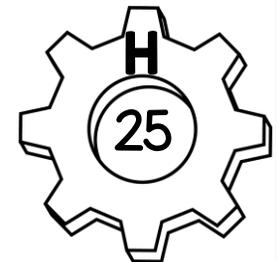


B. The Alamo is a building that you can still find in San Antonio, Texas.



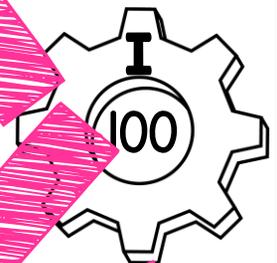
C. Santa Anna took control of the French government of Mexico in 1842.

D. Missionaries used the Alamo building for about 70 years.



E. The Commander in Chief of the Texan forces was Sam Houston.

F. Stephen Austin is also known as the "Father of Texas."

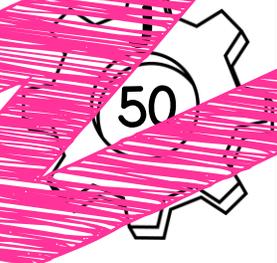


G. Davy Crockett was known as the "King of the Wild Frontier."

H. In 1845, Texas officially became the 28th state.

I. The capital of Texas was named after Stephen Austin.

J. The Alamo was originally built by missionaries spreading Christianity into Mexico.



TOTAL: _____

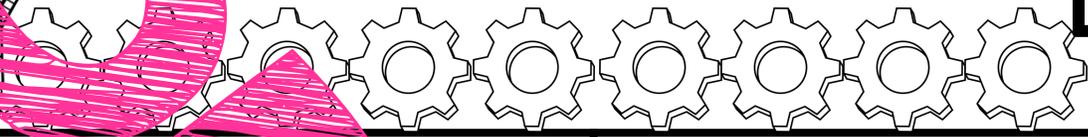
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. How long did Battle of the Alamo last?

- A. 13 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 4 months
- D. 2 years

2. The Spanish troops called "El Alamo" because it is the Spanish name for ____.

- A. Cottonwood trees
- B. Wheat
- C. Religion
- D. Spring flowers

3. What country did Mexico win independence from in 1821?

- A. Great Britain
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Canada

4. Whose recommendation was to abandon the Alamo?

- A. Crockett
- B. Houston
- C. Austin
- D. Polk

5. Why was Crockett known as the "King of the wild frontier"?

- A. Storytelling abilities
- B. Soldier experience
- C. Travels west
- D. All of the above

6. Texas officially became a state in ____.

- A. 1835
- B. 1840
- C. 1845
- D. 1850

7. Stephen Austin brought 300 families to settle in ____.

- A. Texas
- B. Florida
- C. Alabama
- D. California

8. A Mexican general named ____ took control of the government of Mexico.

- A. Santa Domingo
- B. Santa Fe
- C. Santa Anna
- D. San Antonio

9. Bowie, Travis, and Crockett stayed at the Alamo with about ____ men.

- A. 200
- B. 300
- C. 400
- D. 500

10. After the Alamo, Texas claimed victory over Santa Anna at the ____.

- A. Battle of New Orleans
- B. Battle of San Jacinto
- C. Battle of Oswego
- D. Battle of Bunker Hill

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