

# 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
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK</b>	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.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	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.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, 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

first	not guilty	union
Patriot	13	muskets
lawyer	John Adams	governor

arrived, the colonists became outraged after seeing their \_\_\_\_\_ (long rifles). Captain Preston then came to try and calm the situation and disperse (to scatter or remove) the crowd. However, the violence just escalated and one of the soldiers, Private Montgomery, was hit by something from the crowd and fell down. As he fell, it is believed that he fired into the crowd. Chaos broke and other soldiers began to fire at the colonists as well. Immediately, 3 individuals were killed, and 2 more later died from their wounds. Crispus Attucks was thought to be the \_\_\_\_\_ American casualty (death) of the American Revolution.

Thomas Hutchinson, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Massachusetts, came and the crowd eventually went away. However, \_\_\_\_\_ people were arrested that day and charged with crimes including 8 British soldiers, an officer and 4 colonists. The British troops were also later removed from Boston.

The arrested individuals were brought a trial to determine if they were guilty or not. The trials began on November 27, 1770. However, the soldiers did not have a \_\_\_\_\_ to represent them because no one wanted to help them. A Patriot named \_\_\_\_\_, a philosopher and later the second president of the United States, stepped up to represent them. He believed they had the right to a fair trial. He defended the British soldiers by saying they were only protecting themselves. Because of John Adams, 6 of the soldiers were found not guilty and 2 were found guilty. Four civilians that were arrested were all found \_\_\_\_\_ since there was little evidence against them.

Following the Boston Massacre, \_\_\_\_\_ groups like the Sons of Liberty wanted to prove that there were problems with British rule over colonial America. This event was a major turning point that led to the American Revolution. It confirmed what the colonists already believed, that Britain wanted to control them and they could be violent. This increased their desire for independence and led to a stronger \_\_\_\_\_ between the colonies against Britain.

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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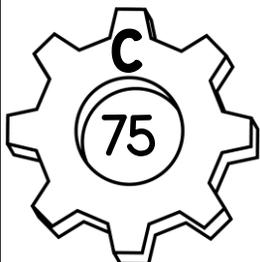
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



**A.** Because of John Adams, 6 of the soldiers were found not guilty.

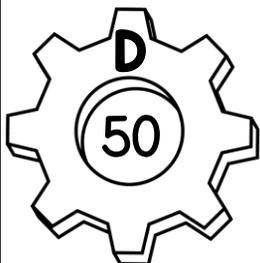
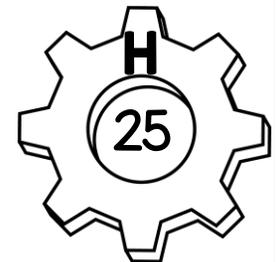


**B.** There were more than 2,000 British soldiers stationed in Boston.



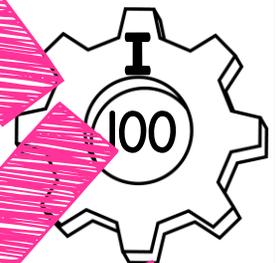
**C.** The Townshend Act was a tax on printed goods.

**D.** The French and Indian War was fought against New France for control of America.



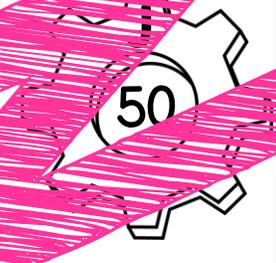
**E.** British soldiers were also known as Redcoats.

**F.** Groups like the Sons of Liberty wanted to prove that there were problems with British rule.



**G.** The British government is known as Parliament.

**H.** The Boston Massacre occurred in front of the White House on Elmwood Avenue.



**I.** Crispus Attucks was thought to be the first American casualty.

**J.** The trials began on November 17, 1776.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

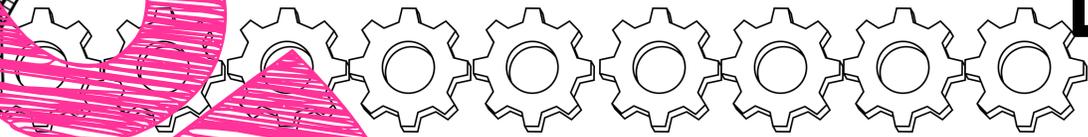
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. At the time, who was the governor of Massachusetts?

- A. Samuel Gridley
- B. Matthew Killey
- C. Crispus Attucks
- D. Thomas Hutchinson

2. When did the Boston Massacre occur?

- A. 1770
- B. 1773
- C. 1775
- D. 1776

3. Who was America's second president?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. George Washington
- C. John Adams
- D. Patrick Henry

4. Which act taxed glass, paint, and lead?

- A. Stamp Act
- B. Townshend Act
- C. Tea Act
- D. Quartering Act

5. A British Private named \_\_\_\_\_ and a few colonists began to argue.

- A. Hugh White
- B. Crispus Attucks
- C. Thomas Hutchinson
- D. John Walker

6. Who did the colonists fight in the French and Indian War?

- A. New France
- B. New Amsterdam
- C. New York
- D. New Spain

7. At the time, who was the King of England?

- A. King George II
- B. King James II
- C. King George III
- D. King James III

8. What is another word for long rifles?

- A. Musket
- B. Redoubt
- C. Cannon
- D. Carabait

9. What is another word for the British government?

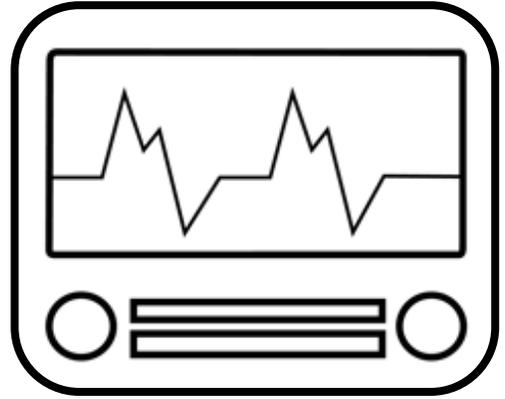
- A. Council
- B. Grand Senate
- C. Consulate
- D. Parliament

10. What was thrown at the British soldier?

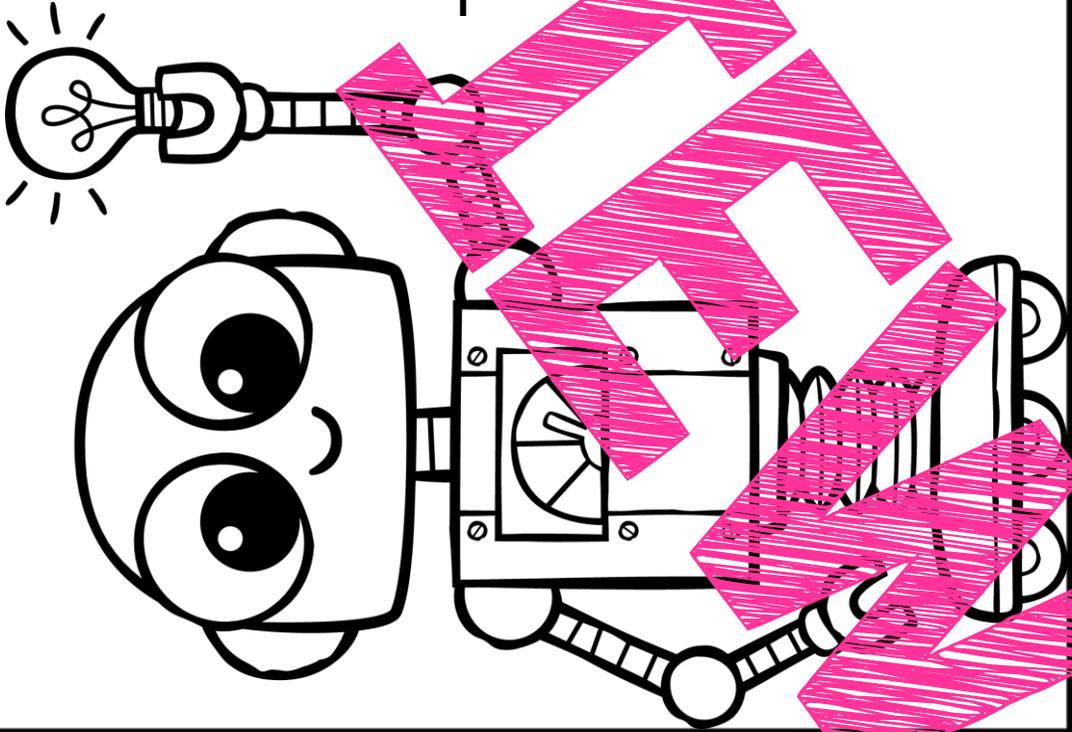
- A. Sticks
- B. Stones
- C. Snowballs
- D. All of the above

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