

# PONCE DE LEON

## CUBE CODE

was the king of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ferdinand II  
George III  
Andrew II  
Solomon III

\_\_\_\_\_ which ship was part of  
voyage to the Bimini  
Islands?

Santiago  
Santa Maria de la Consolacion  
San Cristobal  
All of the above

What eastern Dominican  
Republic town did Ponce  
de Leon establish?

A. San Juan  
B. Salvaleon de Higüey  
C. Bimini  
D. St. Augustine

\_\_\_\_\_ tremendous  
what Indigenous group  
lived there?

A. Taino  
B. Calusa  
C. Cherokee  
D. None of the above

What word describes Spanish  
soldiers, conquerors and  
explorers of the New World?

A. Pascua  
B. Conquistador  
C. Ovando  
D. Taino

Who replaced Juan as  
governor of Puerto Rico?

A. Diego Colon  
B. Christopher Columbus  
C. Nicolas de Ovando  
D. King Ferdinand

A  B  C

\_\_\_\_\_ the year Ponce became the first  
Governor of Puerto Rico MINUS 1500.

The FIRST number of the lock is the  
year Ponce de Leon accompanied  
Christopher Columbus MINUS 1489.

The THIRD number of the lock is the  
year Ponce de Leon was  
born MINUS 1470.

\_\_\_\_\_ Puerto Rico  
Easter  
Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Augustine  
Tampa  
South

\_\_\_\_\_ Spain  
France  
North

\_\_\_\_\_ Juan named  
the lush vegeta-  
tion around \_\_\_\_\_  
Juan and his  
the time, the  
the mainland  
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again  
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\_\_\_\_\_ of the islands 'La Florida' because of  
Ponce de Leon discovered Florida  
'Pascua Florida'.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was a huge island. At  
\_\_\_\_\_ America, on

### 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.

A Juan was replaced as governor of Puerto Rico  
by Diego Colon.

B Ponce established a town in the eastern  
Dominican Republic called Salvaleon de Higüey.

C Juan named  
the town because

D Historians  
believe that

E Juan named  
the town because

F He named  
the town because

G He named  
the town because

H He named  
the town because

ELIMINATE

### PONCE DE LEON

Juan Ponce de León was born in 1474 in Spain. Historians believe that  
Ponce de León was born into Spanish nobility. Ponce de León is known for  
being an explorer and conquistador. A conquistador is a word used to  
describe Spanish soldiers, conquerors and explorers of the New World.  
As a young boy, Juan worked as a squire for a knight. He helped take  
care of the knight's horses and armor in the Royal Court of Aragon. The  
knight taught Juan how to fight while riding a horse. He practiced his skill in  
battles. Juan became a soldier, fighting against the Moors in Granada. He was  
a soldier for the Spanish military until 1493.

Historians believe that in 1493, Ponce de León accompanied Christopher  
Columbus on his second journey to the New World.

### 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 75

A. St. Augustine was the first European  
settlement in Puerto Rico.

B. As a young boy, Juan worked as a squire  
for a knight.

C. Ponce de Leon was hit with a poisoned  
arrow in the right shoulder.

D. New diseases such as smallpox killed 90%  
of the Tainos population.

E. Today, the island of Hispaniola includes  
Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

F. Ponce de Leon ordered Ponce de Leon to  
explore new islands to the northwest of  
Spain.

G. Ponce de Leon was born in 1479 in Spain.

H. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella  
were the leaders of Spain.

THINK  
TANK

### 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.

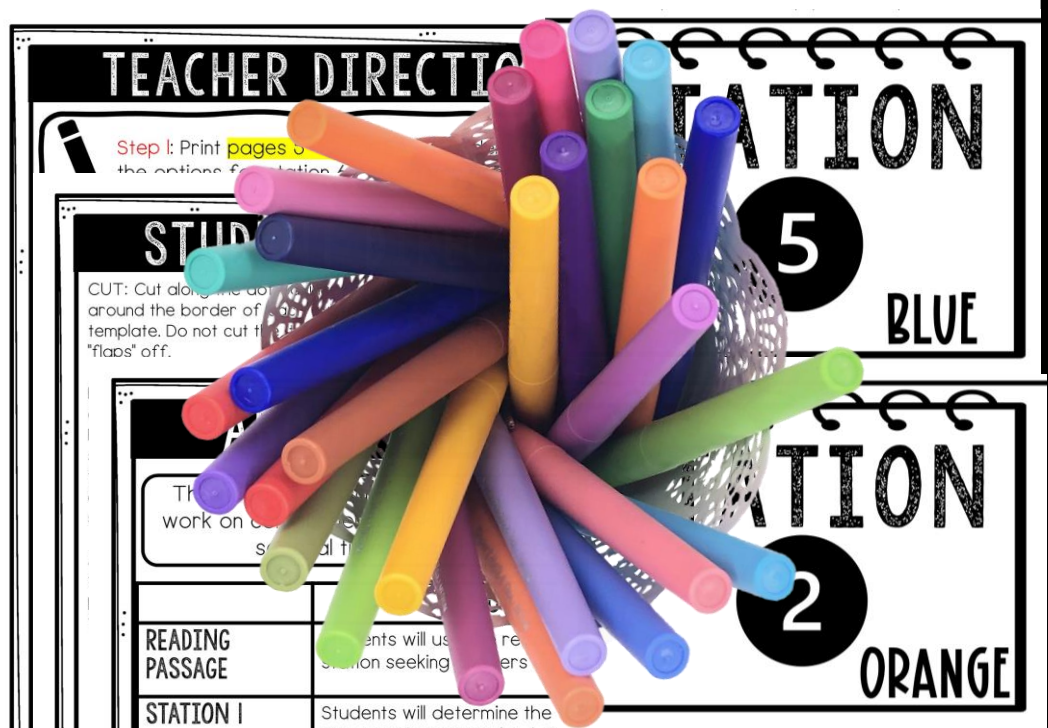
# STATION

# 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.

1	Puerto Rico	4	St. Augustine	7	Spain
2	Easter	5	Tampa	8	France
3	Christmas	6	South	9	North

Juan named one of the islands 'La Florida' because of the lush vegetation around the bay. He named Florida after the Spanish word for 'Pascua Florida' which means 'a huge island of flowers'. At the time, the mainland was still unknown to America. Many people were searching for the Fountain of Youth. The Fountain of Youth was mentioned in the writings of Ponce de Leon. The city of St. Augustine was founded by Ponce de Leon in 1565.

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.

MAIN IDEA

STATION

6



SUPPORTING DETAIL #2

## 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 number of ships Ponce took to the Bimini Islands in 1513 MINUS 2.

The SECOND number of the lock is

STATION

4

GREEN

4 DIGIT CODE

## 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.

In 1508, who was the king of Spain?

- A. King Ferdinand II
- B. King George III
- C. King Anne
- D. King Solomon

In Florida, Ponce was met with tremendous opposition from what Indigenous group?

- A. Taino
- B. Calusa

In 1513, what was the name of the Bimini Islands?

- A. Santiago
- B. Santa Marta
- C. San Cristobal
- D. All of the above

What was the name of the Republic of Florida established by Ponce de Leon?

- A. San Juan
- B. Salvaleon de Higues
- C. Bimini
- D. St. Augustine

- A. Diego Colon
- B. Christopher Columbus
- C. Nicolas de Ovando
- D. King Ferdinand

STATION

5

BLUE

A  B  C  D

## 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 statement. If the statement is false, do not color or shade the coin. One coin has been colored to show you how to do it. The first box is for the first box.

STATION

3

YELLOW

A  
75

B  
25

C  
50

D  
100

- C. Ponce de Leon was met with a peaceful reception by the Taino people.
- D. New diseases such as smallpox and measles were brought to the Taino people by the Spanish.
- E. Today, the land of Florida includes parts of the states of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.
- F. King Ferdinand's desire for a passage to the East Indies led to the discovery of the Americas.
- G. Ponce de Leon was born in 1479 in Spain.
- H. At that time, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were the rulers of Spain.

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 answer was found in an EVEN numbered paragraph, leaving only ODD numbers as your final answer. The final answer is the sum of the remaining numbers.

STATION

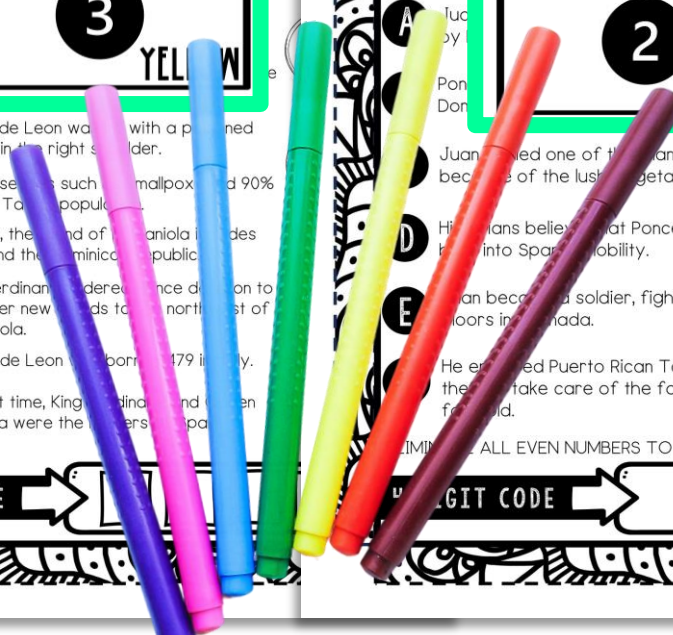
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ORANGE

- A. Juan Ponce de Leon was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- B. Ponce de Leon was a Spanish explorer who was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- C. Juan Ponce de Leon was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- D. Ponce de Leon was a Spanish explorer who was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- E. Juan Ponce de Leon was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- F. Ponce de Leon was a Spanish explorer who was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- G. Juan Ponce de Leon was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.
- H. Ponce de Leon was a Spanish explorer who was the first European to set foot on the mainland of North America.

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!

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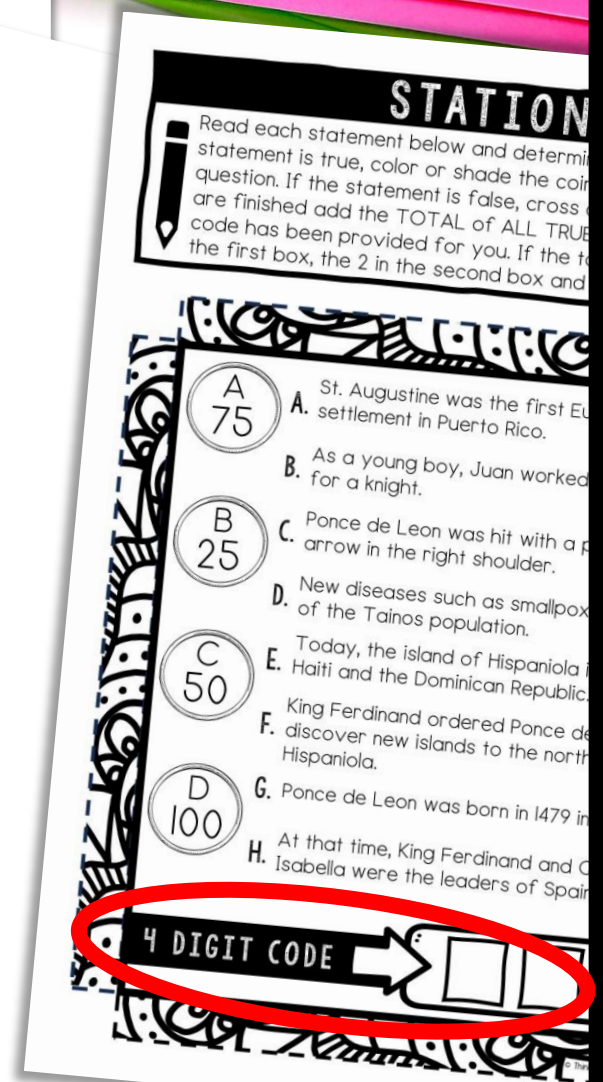
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 6 stations, grabbing one side of their cube at each station.

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 code has been provided for you. If the total is 75, write the 7 in the first box, the 5 in the second box and so on.

A. St. Augustine was the first European settlement in Puerto Rico.

B. As a young boy, Juan worked for a knight.

C. Ponce de Leon was hit with an arrow in the right shoulder.

D. New diseases such as smallpox were introduced to the Tainos population.

E. Today, the island of Hispaniola is divided into Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

F. King Ferdinand ordered Ponce de Leon to discover new islands to the north of Hispaniola.

G. Ponce de Leon was born in 1479 in Spain.

H. At that time, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were the leaders of Spain.

75

25

50

100

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

