

# SONGHAI EMPIRE

## ESCAPE ROOM

**SONGHAI EMPIRE**  
was located in Western Africa, south of the Sahara Desert, a new powerful and prosperous by dominating the Trans-Saharan empire spanned the western Sahel, a region extending from the Atlantic Ocean to the Nile River. It had valuable salt and gold mines within its empire that made it a major trading center. An empire would emerge as the most powerful kingdom in the region, the Songhai Empire came to be, the Mali Empire was in decline. The state of Songhai was found in the city of Gao, because it became a major trading center. Sunni Ali, a prince of Gao, held as a prisoner by the emperor of Mali. When he escaped, he took control of Gao as well as other major trading cities in the region.

**LEVEL 1 DECODER**

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
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<del>V</del>			<del>Z</del>		

L=2	J=q	F=1
R=0	W=4	A=6
T=8	G=3	Z=5
Q=7	D=9	P=0
H=1	Y=8	B=3
N=4	C=6	K=1

**LEVEL 2 DECODER**

**DECODER**

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

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**  
Who was ruler after Sunni Ali?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sonni Baru	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonni Nabu
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sonni Balo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sonno Bono

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4**  
What word is used for a family that rules for a long period of time?

**RECORDING SHEET**

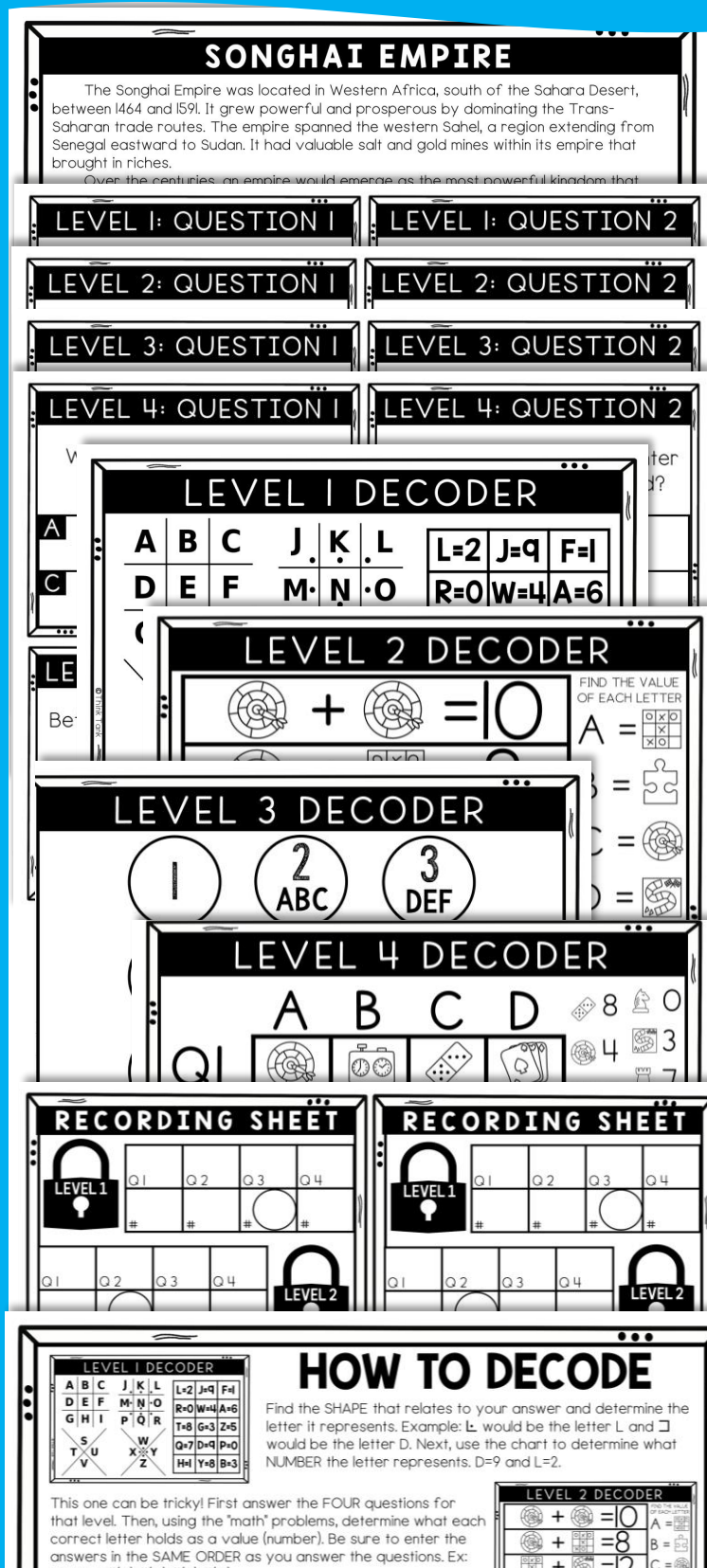
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LEVEL 2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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**THINK TANK**

Five colored markers (purple, pink, blue, green, red) are shown in the foreground.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?



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



# 16 QUESTIONS

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**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1**  
The Songhai empire  
was located south of  
the --- desert.

J Sahara	A Mojave
F Gobi	G Savannah

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**  
Who was ruler after

Sonni Baru	D
Sunni Balo	D

**LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1**  
What was as valuable as  
gold during this time?

A Silver	B Salt
C Copper	D Wheat

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3**  
Where was Ahmad I  
--- a sultan?

**LEVEL 1 DECODER**

B	C	J	K	L
E	F	M	N	O
H	I	P	Q	R
U		X	W	Y
			Z	

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**LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1**  
Sunni --- was a prince of  
the Songhai people.

A Ali	B Uluru
C Versa	D Olo

**LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2**  
--- was  
Ar

A	
C	

**LEVEL 3 DECODER**

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

ABC DEF  
GHI JKL  
MNO  
PQRS TUV  
WXYZ

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1**  
The Songhai empire  
was divided into how  
many provinces?

A 3	T 7
H 5	L 12

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2**  
The --- people established  
the Mali empire.

E Malihini	M Mali koi
Y Malinke	B Miliary

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 3**  
The state of Songhai was  
found in the city of ---.

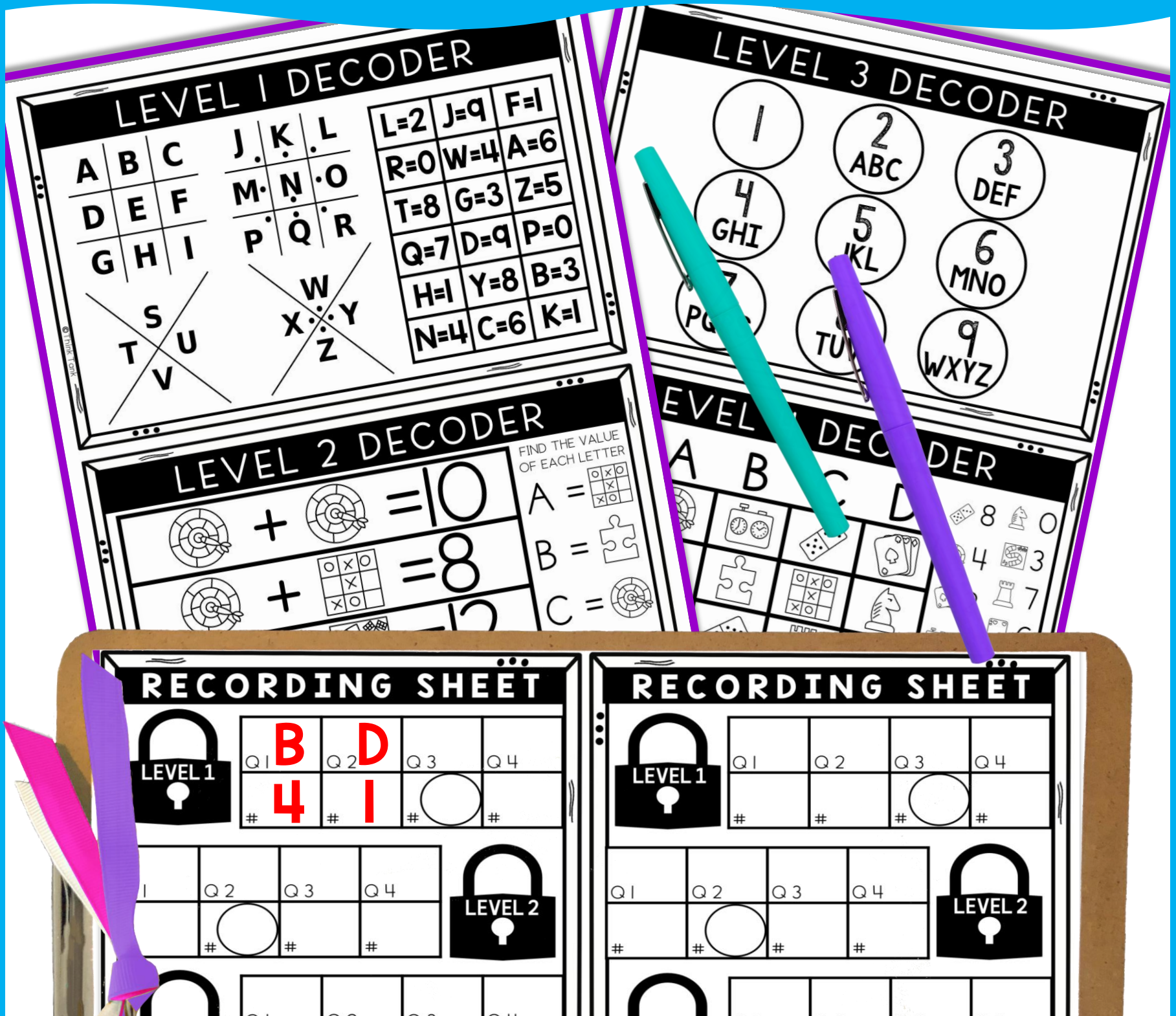
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**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 4**  
What were Muslim  
judges called

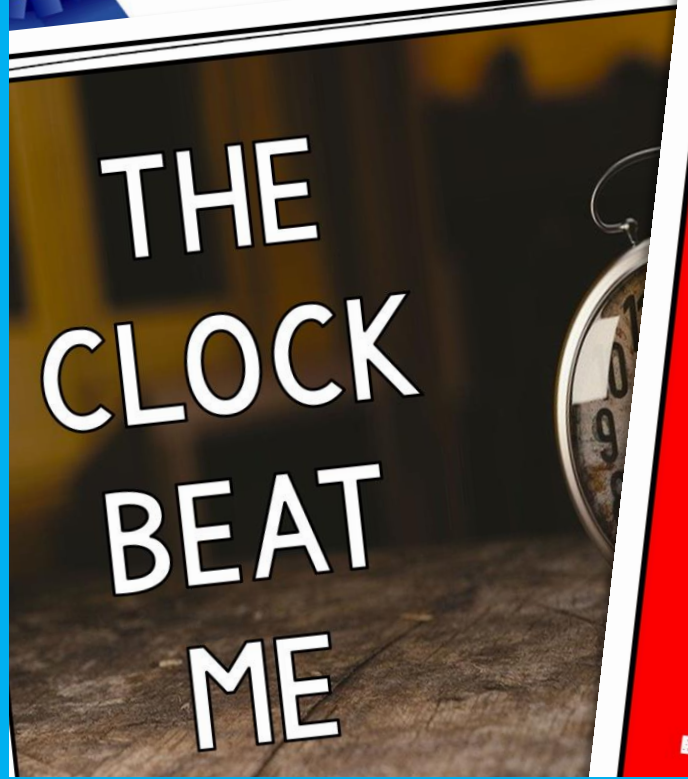
**LEVEL 4 DECODER**

Q1	A	B	C	D	8	9	0
Q2	8	9	0	4	3	7	6
Q3	4	3	7	6	2	1	0


# 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.

### SONGHAI EM

The Songhai Empire was located in Western Africa between 1464 and 1591. It grew powerful and prosperous along the Saharan trade routes. The empire spanned the western Sahel eastward to Sudan. It had valuable salt and gold brought in riches.

Over the centuries, an empire would emerge as the trans-Saharan controlled trade. Before the Songhai Empire came to be established by the Mali...

### LEVEL 1 DECODER

A B C

D E F

G H I

~~T S~~

~~U V~~

J K L

M N O

P Q R

~~W~~

~~X Y~~

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### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1

The Songhai empire was located south of the --- desert.

Sahara

Mojave

Gobi

Savannah

### LEVEL 1: Q

Who was ruled

Sonni Baru

Sunni Balo

### LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3

Where was Ahmad I al-Mansur Saadi a sultan?

Morocco




### LEVEL 1: QU




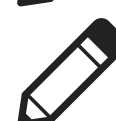
What word is a family that long period

# 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

