

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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➔ What word means to leave your home country and move to another? **CODE WORD**

5 People soon thought that Texas should be the next territory incorporated into the United States. In 1836, Texas won its independence from Spain and Mexico, asking

7 In 1843, 1,000 pioneers headed out on the Oregon Trail in search of their own form of freedom. The Oregon Trail stretched through six different states. The route began in Independence, Missouri and ended in Oregon City, Oregon. The pioneers used covered wagons pulled by oxen to carry their supplies. On average, it took about five months to complete the journey.

➔ The Corps of ____ was seen as a success and Westward Expansion had begun. **CODE WORD**

9 In mid-1845, a journalist coined the term "Manifest Destiny" in an article. He believed it was God's will for the United States to expand west to the Pacific Ocean. The idea seemed to be going well for the United States, but it was a blessing. They crossed the continent across the

➔ ____ of Lewis and Clark was Clark's first

10 Expansion of the United States was not for everyone.

TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages which contain a "clue" or code word. After finishing each passage, students will need to write them down on the recording sheet.

Part 2: Using the code word on each reading card, students will unscramble the letters in the gray boxes to find the code word.

All you have to do is print the 10 reading cards and hide them! The more difficult the reading cards, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will stay engaged!

You will need to print **PAGE 10** for EVERY student.

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

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FINAL WORD ANSWER: _____

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you.

WORD

SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL SUPPORTING DETAIL

4 DIGIT CODE

Next, using the numbers in the FOUND CARD column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above, follow these clues.

Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just one letter.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter ____.

FINAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

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10 READING CARDS

1 Freedom was high on everyone's priorities once the Louisiana Purchase had been added to the United States. Settlers desired (desired) financial freedom, or freedom from responsibilities so they could do what made them happy. Westward Expansion was a way for freedoms of all kinds, but not without consequences for some.

Who was America's 5th President?

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What word means to leave your home country and move to another?

5 People soon thought that Texas should be the next territory incorporated into the United States. In 1836, Texas won its independence from Spain and Mexico, asking if they could join the United States. America's 11th president, James K. Polk, supported the idea of expanding west and Texas became the 28th state in 1845.

How many states did the Oregon Trail go through?

CODE WORD

2 In 1803, Thomas Jefferson (America's 3rd president) purchased a section of land from France known as the Louisiana Purchase. The land purchased, for \$15 million, doubled the territory owned by the United States overnight. With the Louisiana Purchase, the United States gained the ability to explore the land westward.

4 As more and more settlers moved West, more territories formed governments and applied to be official states of the United States. The United States incorporated Florida into their land holdings from Spain in 1819 under President James Monroe. More territories were added to the United States.

Most of the citizens of the United States had either come from Europe themselves or had heard stories of older family members who emigrated before them. To emigrate means to leave your home country and move to another. Europe was crowded and there wasn't much choice in occupation (jobs). Many people had to work in less-than-ideal conditions, often in factories. Westward Expansion into the Louisiana territory offered land ownership, farming

7 In 1843, 1,000 pioneers headed west on the Oregon Trail in search of a better life and freedom. The Oregon Trail went through six different states. The trail began in Independence, Missouri and ended in Oregon City, Oregon. Pioneers discovered what was needed to survive on their supplies. It took about 6 months to complete the journey.

What word was seen as a success for Westward Expansion?

Mid-1845, a journalist named James W. Wadsworth wrote an article about the west. In a new article, he wrote that God's will to explore the west. With all the expansion of the United States, who were most European Christian people, thought it was God. They believed it was the country's duty to expand west to the Pacific Ocean. Even though it seemed to be going well for them and it was a blessing. They continued to travel across the country.

Of Lewis and Clark, what was Clark's first name?

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FINAL WORD ANSWER:

8 The California Gold Rush took place between 1848 and 1855. Thousands of people headed to California in an attempt to get rich. Those who went to California in 1849 were known as "Forty-Niners." Gold was first discovered by James Marshall at Sutter's Mill. When the gold ran out, the miners would move to new locations, leaving abandoned towns known as ghost towns.

What state became the 28th state in 1845?

10 Expansion of the United States was good for some people, but not for everyone. More people moved out in search of land and began new lives. In some ways, however, they were disrupting the lives of Native Americans. Native Americans lived on the land before the white settlers expanded into their space. Their territory shrank and they were forced to live on smaller plots of land. Manifest Destiny wasn't good for everyone. Historians believe that Manifest Destiny led to future violent territorial expansion.

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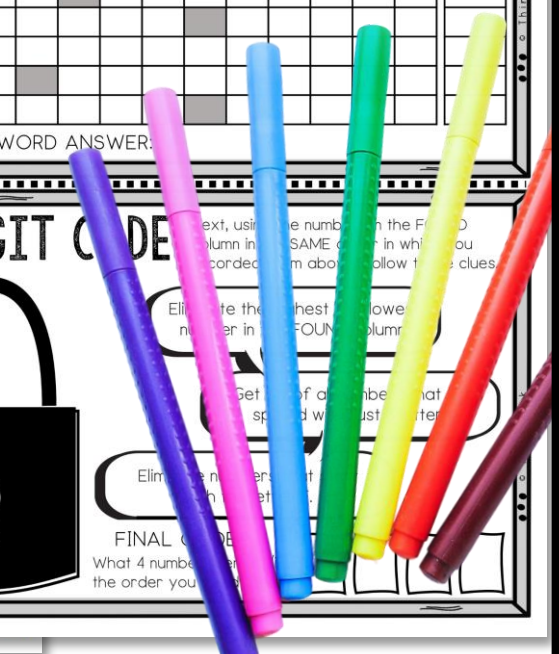
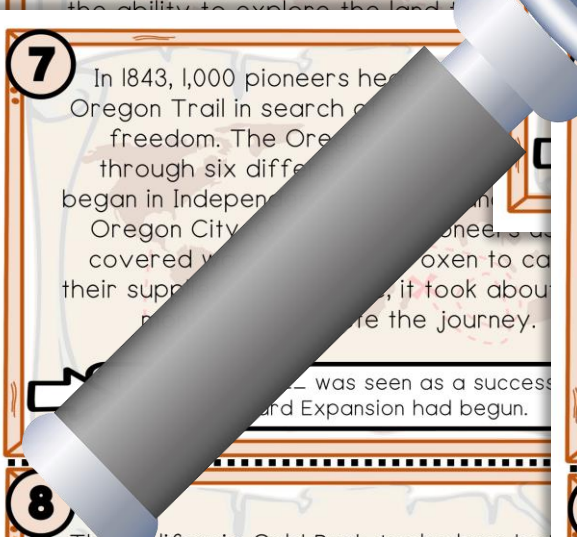
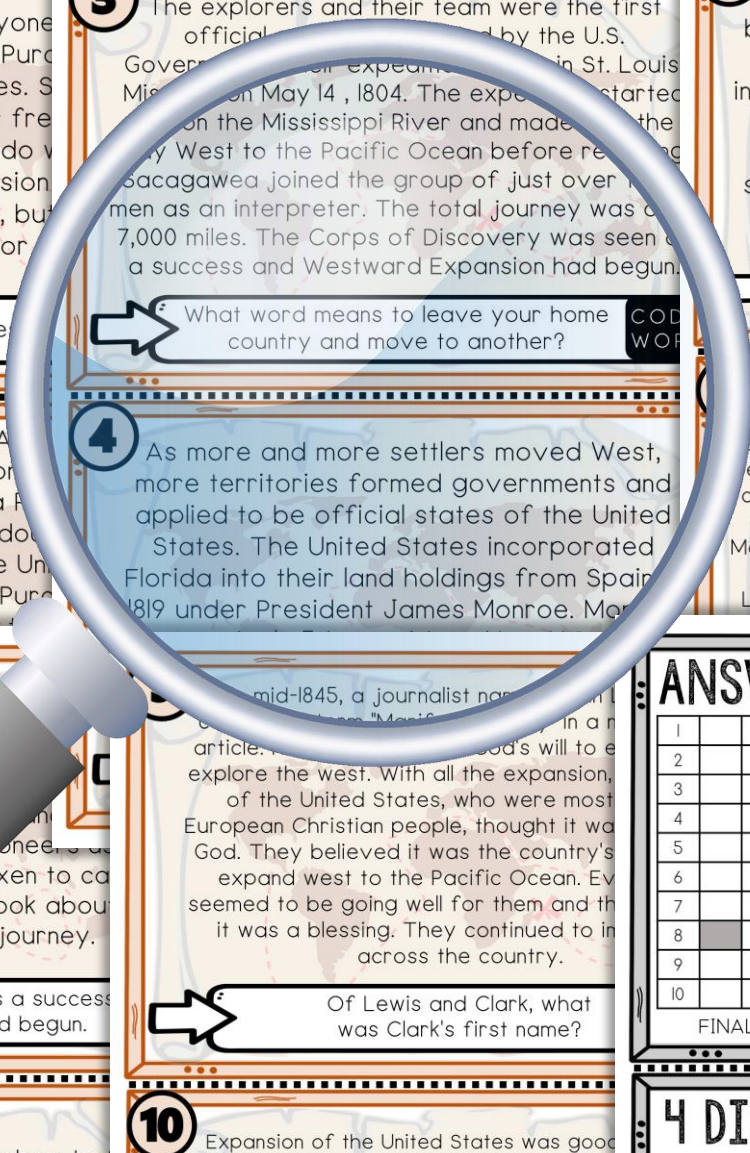
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FINAL CODE

What 4 numbers are in the order you found them?

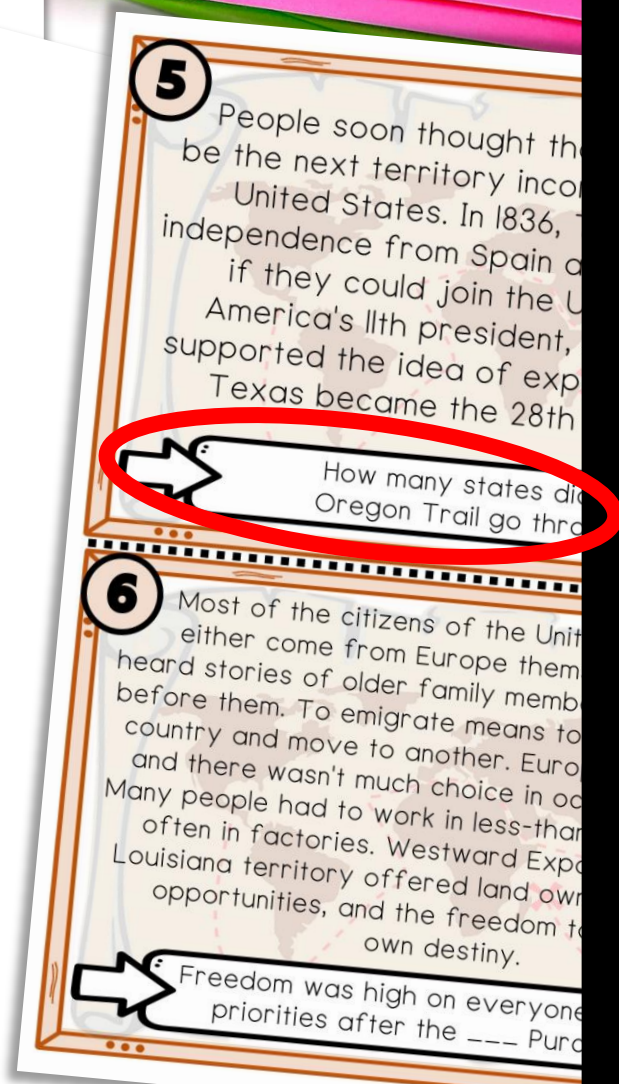


HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1** Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.
- 2** Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".
- 3** The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!



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

-  MOVEMENT
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

