

ARMS RACE

ESCAPE ROOM

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Two or more military powers work to increase the size of their arsenals before the other one. In the history of the United States, the arms race was between the United States and the Soviet Union (USSR). This was during the Cold War which lasted from the end of WWII in 1945 to the beginning of the 1990s. The US and USSR did not trust each other, and they both thought they needed to have the most powerful weapons in case the other country decided to start a war. The world was divided into two fighting powers. The AXIS powers included Germany, Italy, and Japan. The ALLIES included Great Britain, the United States, and the USSR. Although the US and USSR were allies during WWII, they were not allies in the Cold War. The USSR was based on the idea of communism, which is a system where everyone works together equally in society with no one being treated better than anyone else. This sounds good, except it limits how much an individual can own.

LEVEL 1 DECODER

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

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

LEVEL 2 DECODER

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =

o	x	o
x		o
o	x	o

RECORDING SHEET

Q1	Q2	Q3
#	#	#

QUESTION 2

The Arms Race was between the US and ----.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	The USSR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iran

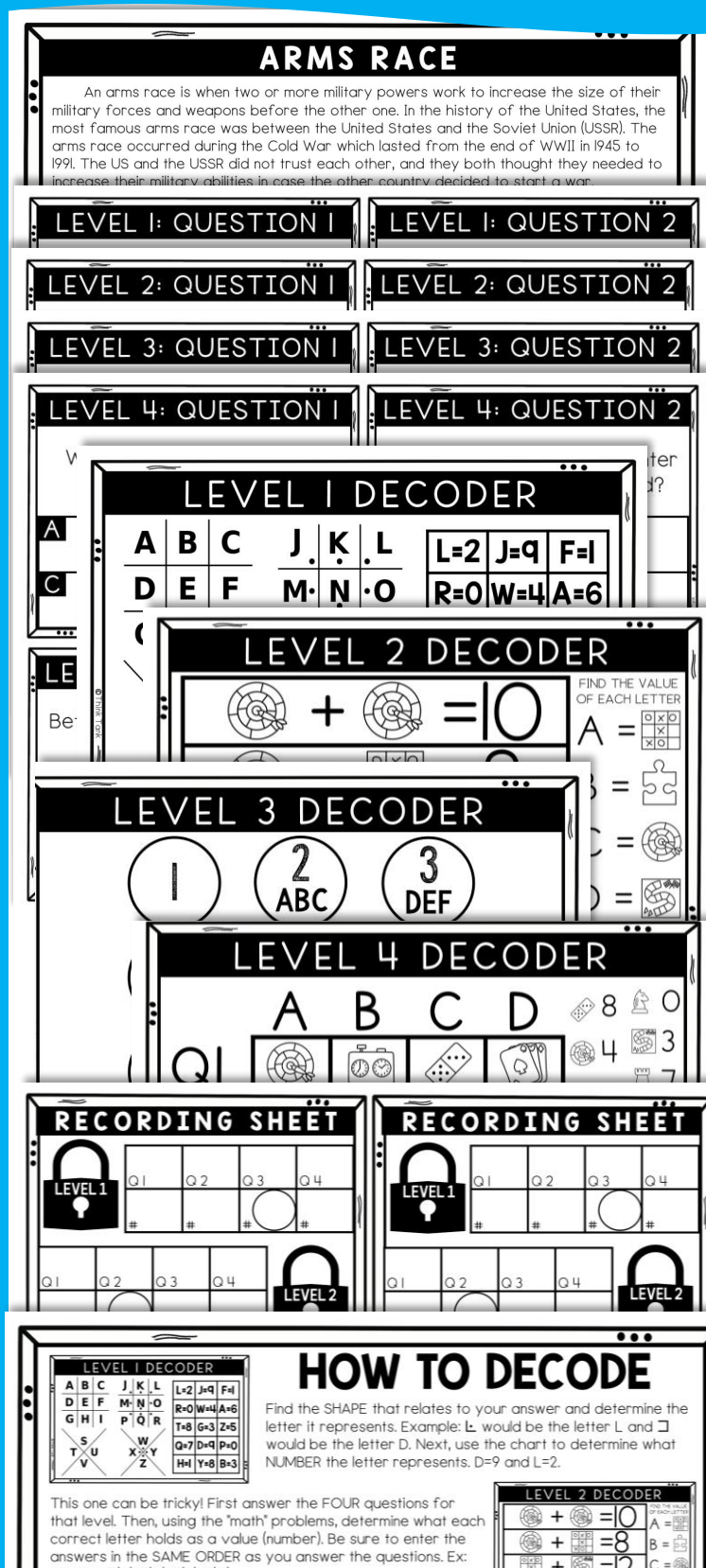
QUESTION 4

The USSR was based on the idea of ----.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Communism
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THINK TANK

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



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



16 QUESTIONS

ARMS RACE
Two or more military powers work to outdo each other before the other one. In the history of the world, the most famous arms race was between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War which lasted from the late 1940s to the early 1990s. During the Cold War, the two superpowers did not trust each other, and they both developed nuclear weapons. In case of a war, each country decided to build up its military capabilities in case the other country decided to attack. The world was divided into two fighting powers: the Allies and the Axis. The ALLIES included Great Britain, France, the United States, and Japan. The ALLIES were allied with each other, and the US and USSR were allies with each other. The USSR was based on Communism, and the US was based on Capitalism. The USSR was not equal in society with the US. The USSR was not as good, except it had more nuclear weapons than the US.

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1
What year did the Cold War end?
A 2004 B 1970
C 1980 D 1991

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
The Arms Race was between the US and...
A China B The USSR
C The UK D The EU

LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1
Citizens built ---- to protect themselves.
A Bomb shelters B Forts
C Walls D Arsenals

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3
Who was the US President in 1942?
A Franklin D. Roosevelt B Dwight D. Eisenhower
C Harry S. Truman D John F. Kennedy

RECORDING SHEET
LEVEL 1
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
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RECORDING SHEET
LEVEL 1
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
#

LEVEL 1 DECODER
L=2 J=q
R=0 W=4
T=8 G=3
Q=7 D=q
H=l Y=8
N=4 C=6
K

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1
Both countries lived in fear of a ---- attack.
A Domestic B Aerial
C Atomic D Nuclear

LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2
The US and USSR were both part of the ---- powers.
A Abdicated B Gross domestic product
C International relations D Population

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1
What year did the US test its first hydrogen bomb?
A 1974 B 1946
C 1952 D 1960

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2
An arms race is when countries try to increase their ----.
A Population B Military powers
C International relations D Gross domestic product

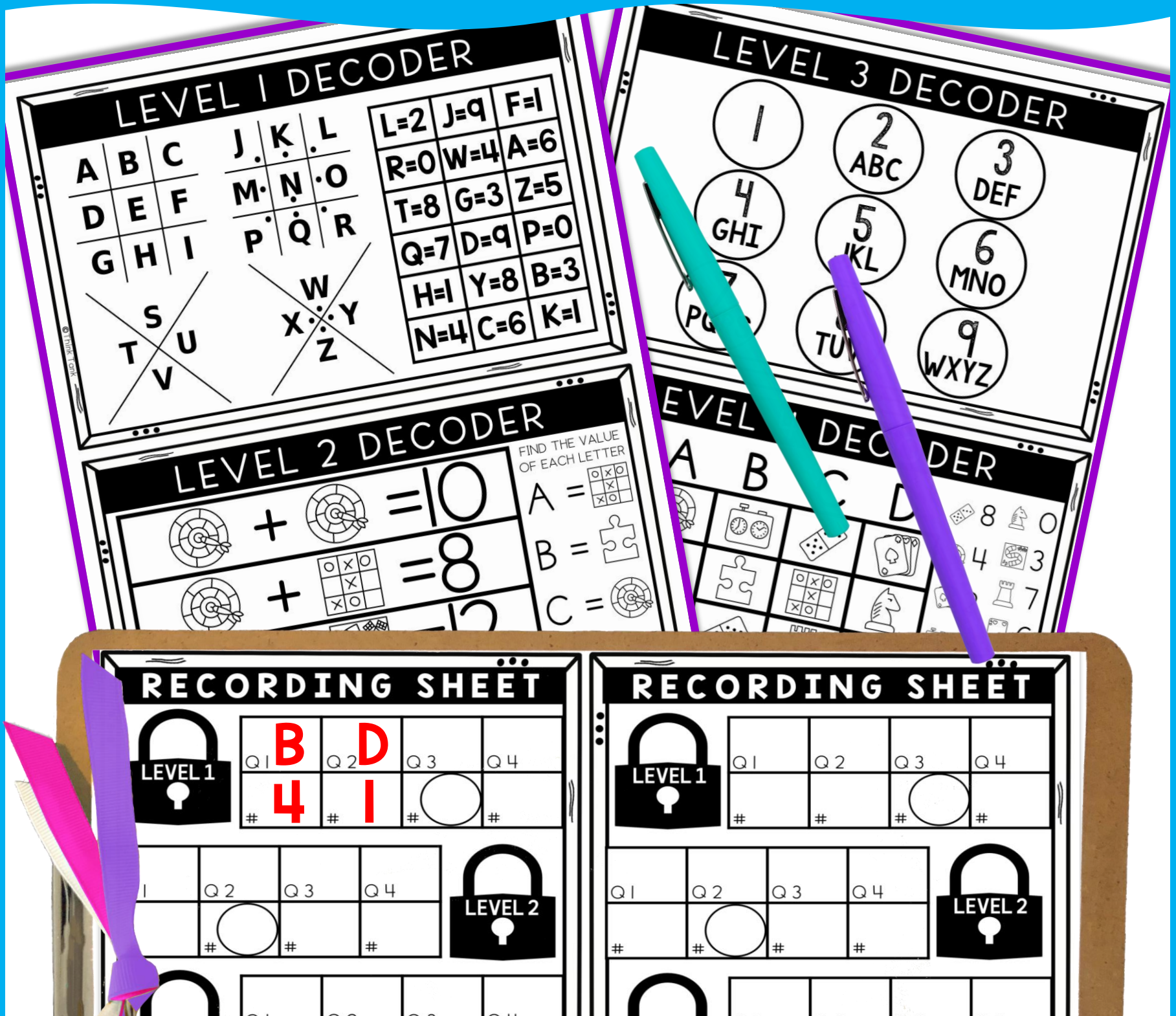
LEVEL 3: QUESTION 3
The USA and USSR were both part of the ---- powers.
A Abdicated B Gross domestic product
C International relations D Population

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 4
---- is the management of relationships or negotiations between two or more countries.
A Diplomacy B War
C Peace D Conflict

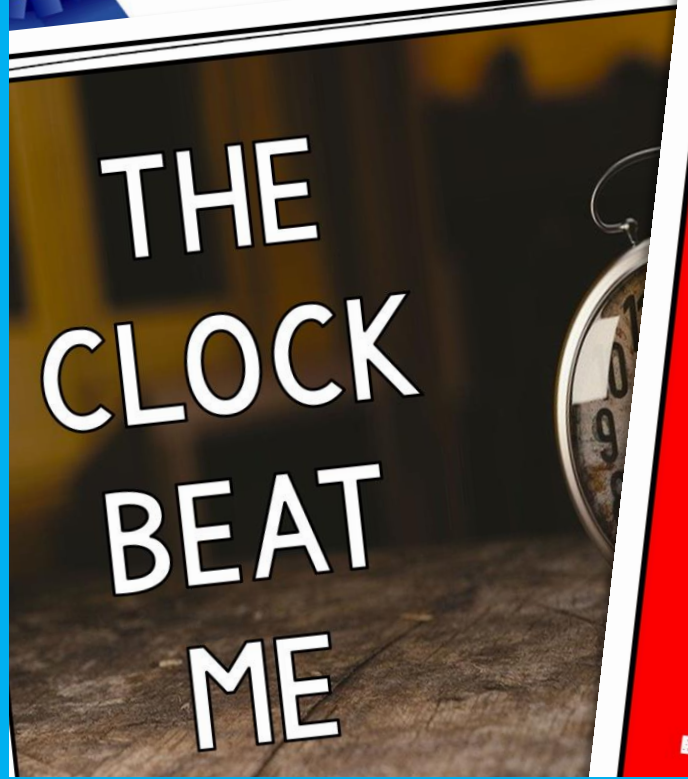
LEVEL 3 DECODER
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
WXYZ

LEVEL 4 DECODER
Q1 Q2 Q3
A B C D
8 0
4 3
2 7
6


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.

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An arms race is when two or more military powers build up their military forces and weapons before the other one. In the most famous arms race was between the United States and the USSR during the Cold War which lasted from 1947 to 1991. The US and the USSR did not trust each other, and they both increased their military abilities in case the other country attacked. At the time, the world was divided into two fighting groups: the NATO and the Warsaw Pact. The NATO included the US, Canada, and Western Europe. The Warsaw Pact included the USSR, China, and Eastern Europe.

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G	H	I	P	Q	R	T=8	G=3	Z=6
T	S	U	X	W	Y	Q=7	D=9	P=0
						H=1	Y=8	B=3
						N=4	C=6	K=1

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1

What year did the Cold War end?

2004

A

1970

1980

1991

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2

The Arms Race was between the US and _____

China

The USSR

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3

Who was the US President in 1942?

Nixon




LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4




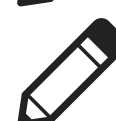
The USSR was the idea of _____

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

