ABOUT THIS PACKET

Close Reading Activities in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills and reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer. Once they complete this task, they'll use the passage to complete the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: FIND AND FIX	Students will find 10 INCORRECT statements, find the correct answer in the reading passage and then rewrite the CORRECT sentence.
TASK 3: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage. The end result will be a secret code word.
TASK 4: MAIN IDEA	Students will complete a graphic organizer about the main idea. They will need to write TWO main ideas or summary statements. They will then need to provide 3 pieces of supporting details from the text for each main idea.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

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CASE FILE DOSSIER

Cross off the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECT

LOCATION

EVIDENCE

TIME

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

EARN THIS!

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

oldest	Jefferson	15
1789	White House	Executive
[illegible]s	chooses	Attorney

The U.S. President is the head of the _____ Branch, or Article II, of the federal (national) government. A "cabinet" of people helps the President make informed decisions about a wide range of topics and issues. The people who make up the President's Cabinet each have a special set of skills and serve as _____. The President uses the Cabinet to make tough, specialized decisions. The members of the Cabinet operate out of the _____in Washington, D.C.

The Cabinet is organized by the President. The members are not elected by citizens. The President appoints, or _____, his Cabinet members, then they are confirmed (approved) by the Senate. The President can instate (set up) and remove members as he/she sees fit. The head of the Cabinet is the Vice President. The Cabinet is typically made up of _____ departments. When the President meets with the Cabinet, they sit in a very traditional way, based on when their department was formed. The department heads (leaders) of the _____ departments sit closest to the President, while the newest department heads sit further away. The oldest Cabinet positions are the Department of State and the Department of Treasury. Cabinet heads include the title of Secretary, such as the Secretary of Education, except for the Department of Justice which has the title of _____ General.

The Constitution does not say that the President must have a Cabinet. George Washington was the first President to organize and use a Cabinet in _____. His Cabinet included four advisors. Washington's first full Cabinet met on November 26, 1791. His Cabinet included Secretary of State Thomas _____, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox, and Attorney General Edmund Randolph. The Cabinet has remained very similar in operation and function to this day.

Some Presidents have created subcommittees under the Cabinet that meet to discuss complex or detailed issues. This helps the President make the most informed

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TASK 2: FIND & FIX

EARN THIS!

Read the INCORRECT statements and FIX the underlined errors on the line below. Rewrite the sentence to make it a CORRECT statement.

1. Washington's Cabinet included six advisors.

2. The Agriculture Department handles international relationships.

3. The Cabinet is part of the Judicial Branch.

4. Members of the Cabinet are elected by the people.

5. The Department of State focuses on jobs and employment.

6. The Executive Branch is Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

7. A canteen is a group of advisors to the president.

8. The Chief Justice is the head of the Department of Justice.

9. The newest Cabinet positions include the Department of State.

10. The Department of Agriculture oversees banks and money.

PREVIEW

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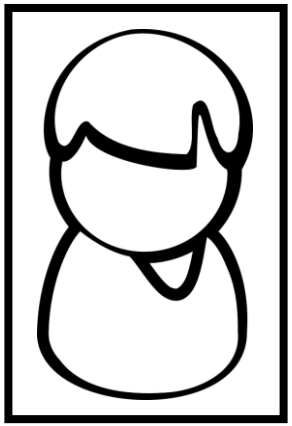
SECURITY CLEARANCE: LEVEL 5

LEAD DETECTIVE



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ENVELOPE OR TABLE TENT LABELS

Stuff the corresponding clue cards in envelopes or pile them by "symbol" on the table.

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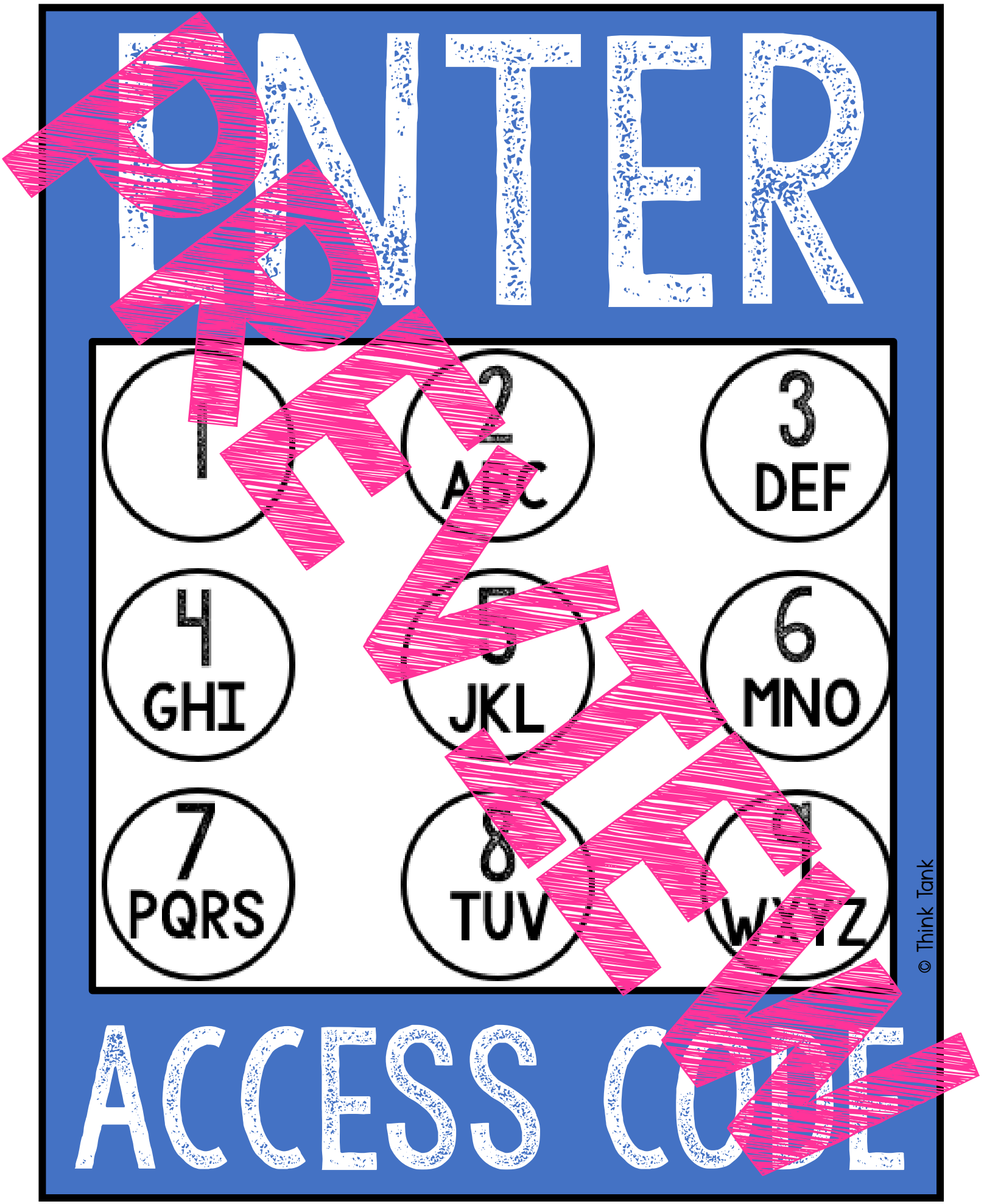
CLUE CARD #2

CLUE CARD #3

CLUE CARD #4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2 ABC
3 DEF
4 GHI
5 JKL
6 MNO
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ACCESS CODE
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SCAN

TO ENTER

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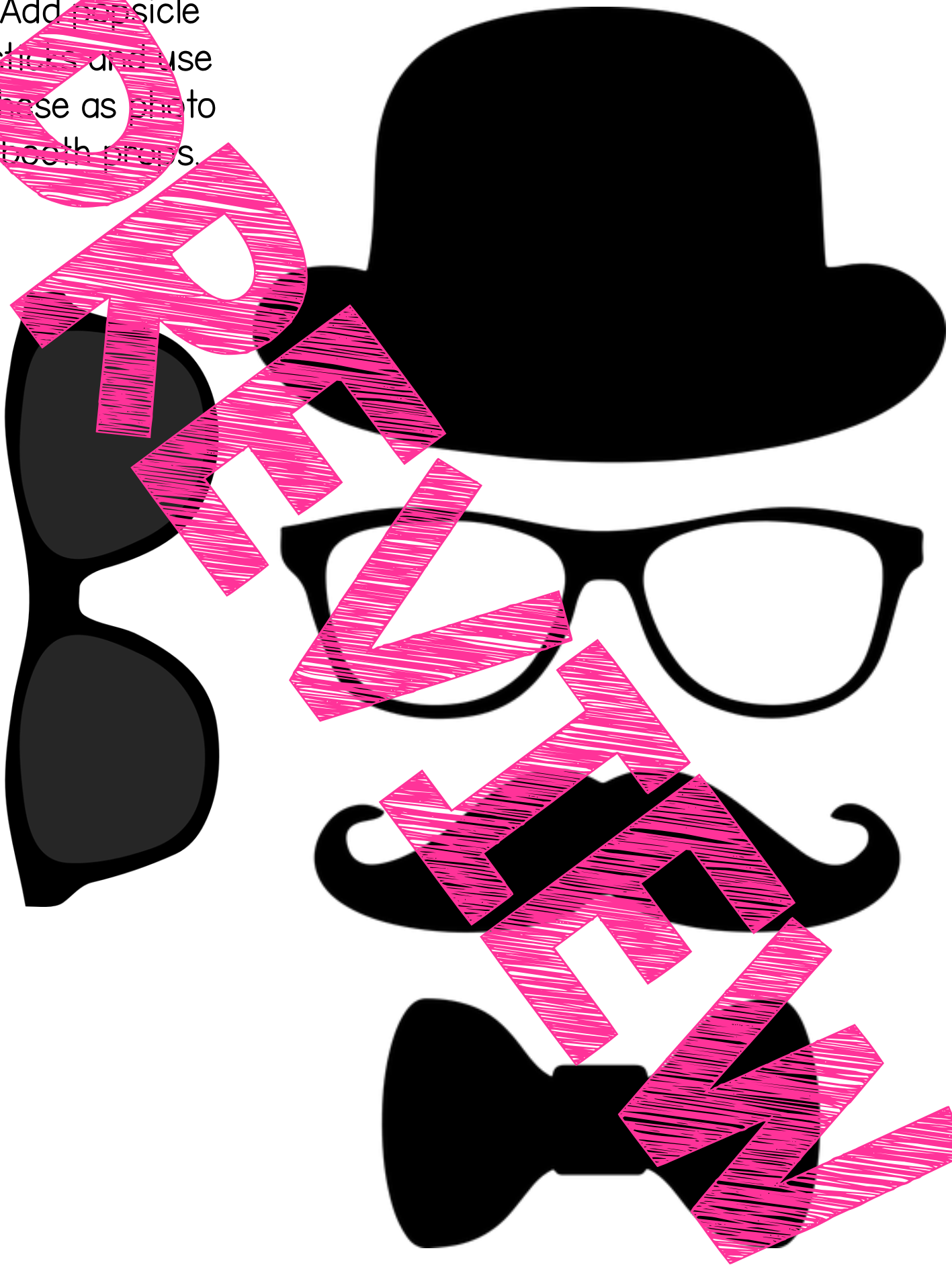
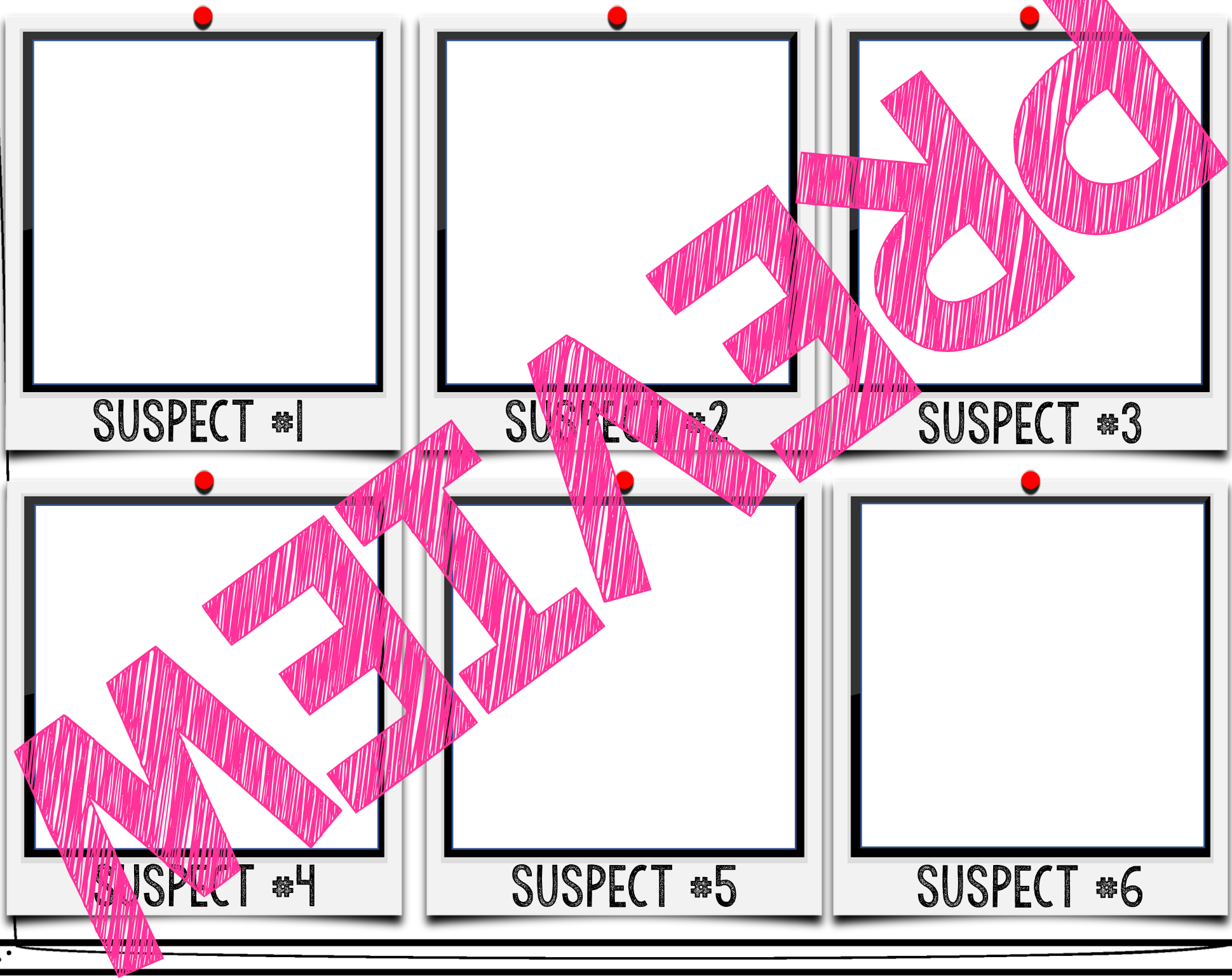
Add popsicle sticks and use these as photo booth props.

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I SOLVED THE CASE!
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MUST SHOW BADGE
UPON ENTRY

SPARK SOME *creativity*

ESCAPE ROOMS

SCAVENGER HUNTS

SPY MYSTERY

TEXT DETECTIVE

SECRET MESSAGES

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

READING CHALLENGE

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK

DIGITAL ESCAPES

DIGITAL BOARD GAME

COLOR BY NUMBER

TASK CARDS GAME

GOOGLE SLIDES

GOOGLE FORMS

PUZZLE STATIONS

BOOM CARDS

BLOG