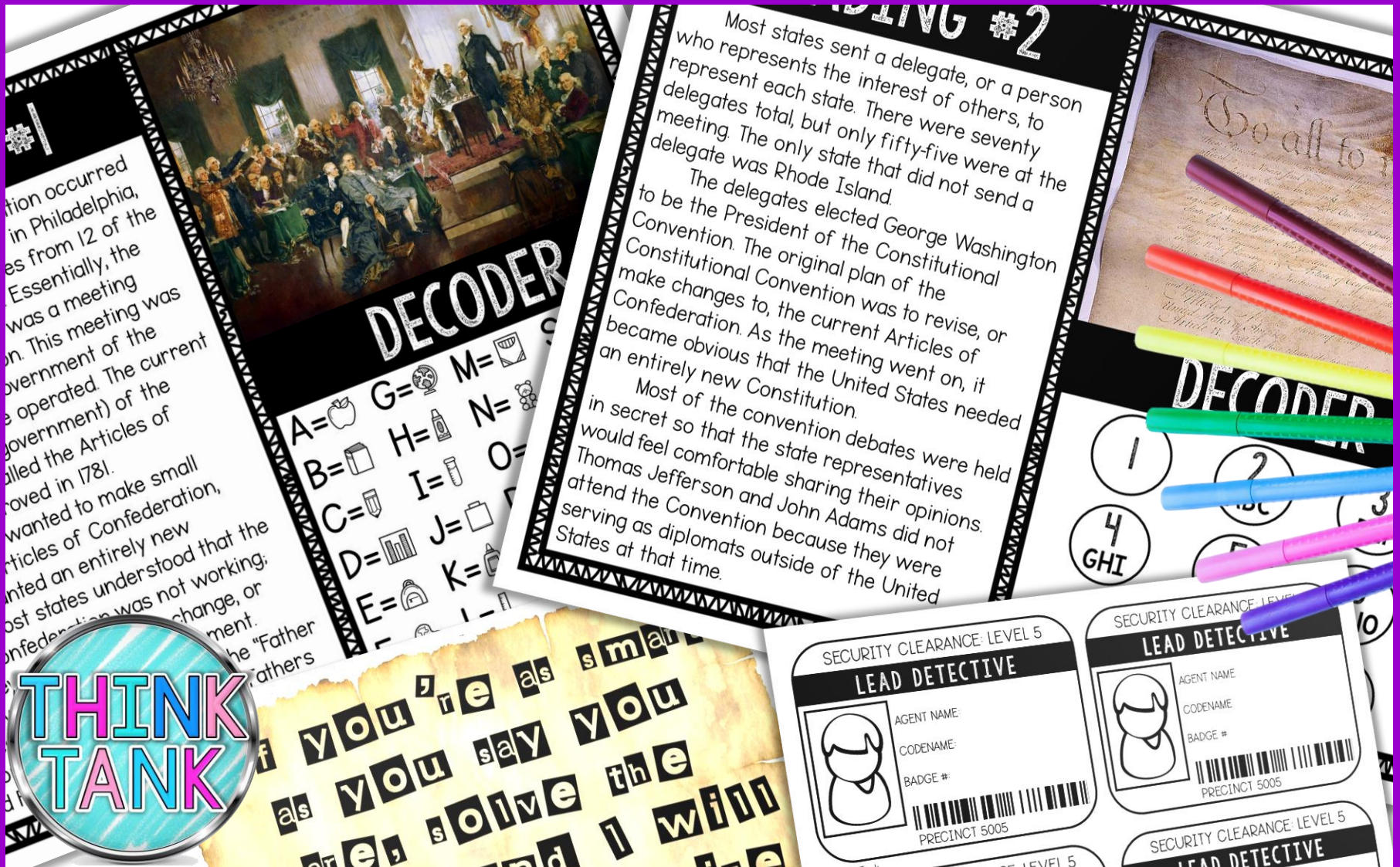


CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

READING ESCAPE



6 PASSAGES

READING #1

Convention occurred in Philadelphia, September 1787. Delegates from 12 of the states attended. Essentially, the Convention was a meeting to create a new government of the United States. This meeting was called the Constitutional Convention. The current government (the Articles of Confederation) of the United States was not working. The delegates understood that the current government was not working, and they were hesitant to change, or to create a new federal document. The Constitution is considered the "Father of the Nation".

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READING #2

Most states sent a delegate, or representative, who represents the interest of other people. There were 55 delegates total, but only fifty-five states were represented at the meeting. The only state that did not send a delegate was Rhode Island. The delegates elected George Washington to be the President of the Constitutional Convention. The original plan for the Constitutional Convention was to make changes to the current government of the Confederation. As the meeting progressed, it became obvious that the delegates wanted an entirely new Constitution. Most of the delegates met in secret so that the states would feel comfortable. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were the main authors of the Constitution.

READING #3

The Articles of Confederation had major weaknesses. It did not provide a strong federal government to hold the states together. It also prevented Congress from enforcing certain laws. Congress also had financial problems. It could not regulate trade or levy (collect) taxes. Because of this, the federal government did not have any money. Additionally, there was not a national court system. Another major issue was that there was not a standard currency (money) between all the states. Overall, the government was not working and the states were desperately weak with the current government. The Constitutional Convention could not agree on a new government. The delegates wanted the states all to have a "perfect" government.

READING #4

Drafting the Articles of Confederation in York Town, Pennsylvania 1777

DECODER

READING #5

The final Constitution was then shown to the public for debate and ratification (approval). For the Constitution to officially go into effect, 9 of the 13 states had to ratify it. The first state to ratify the Constitution was Delaware on December 7, 1787. The Preamble to the Constitution is a short, one-sentence introduction. It states the beliefs, principles and goals of the Constitution and the framework of the government. By beginning with "We the People," the Founding Fathers stated that the new country was for the people. The Preamble was included in the Constitution during the last days of the Constitutional Convention. The Constitution states that the purpose of the American government was to help create the framework for an effective government that would guard against tyranny.

READING #6

The Constitutional Convention laid the groundwork for the federal government as we know it today. It improved the strength of the federal government. It did this by removing the Articles of Confederation.

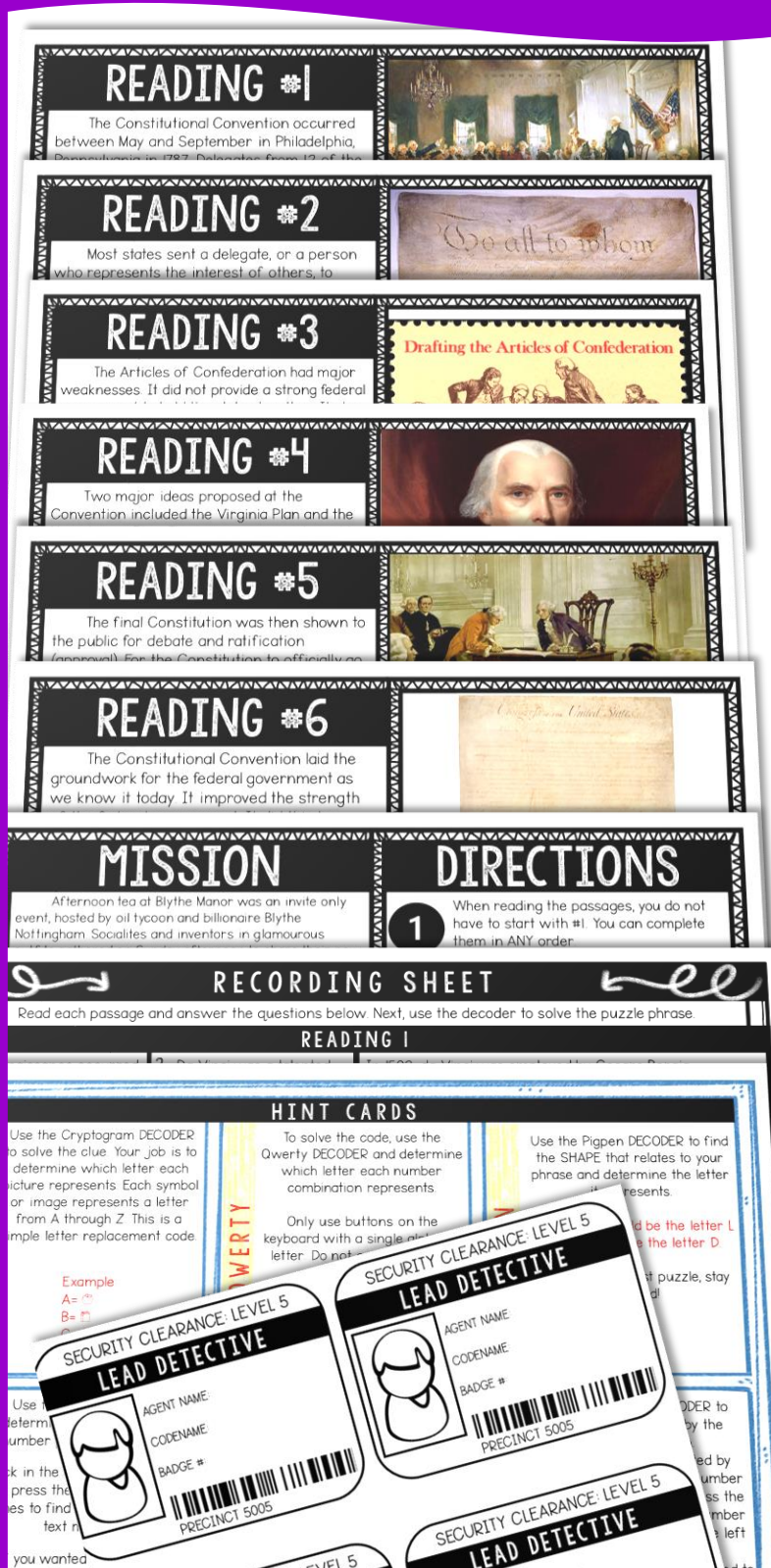
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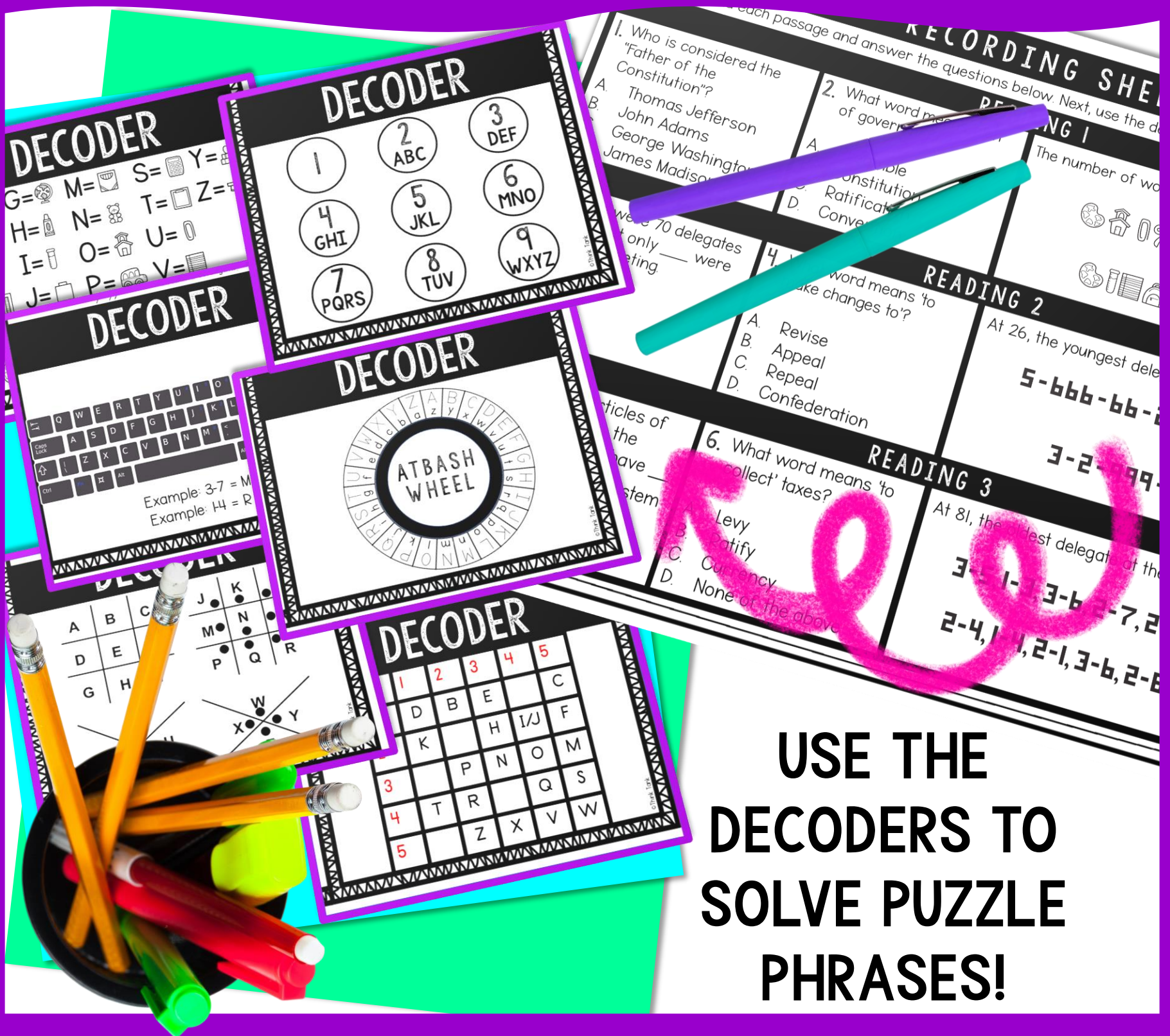
WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- ✓ 6 Half page passages
- ✓ 6 Puzzle decoders
- ✓ 12 Multiple choice Q's
- ✓ Teacher guide
- ✓ Answer key
- ✓ Student directions
- ✓ Hint cards



PUZZLE TYPES



**USE THE
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SOLVE PUZZLE
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HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

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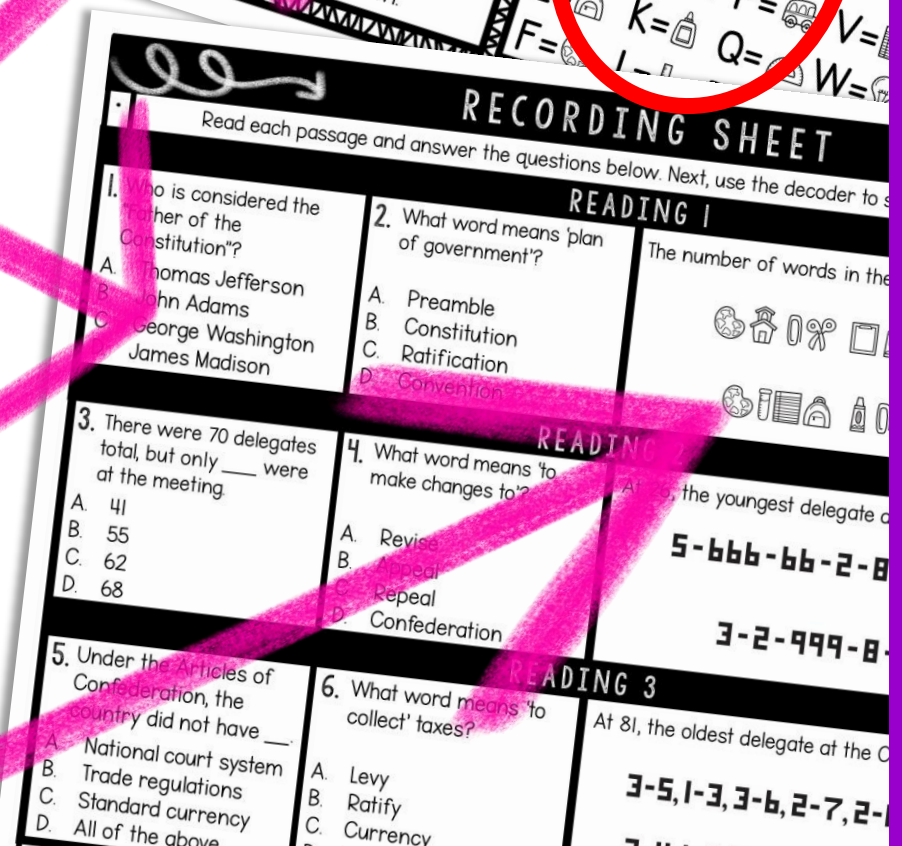
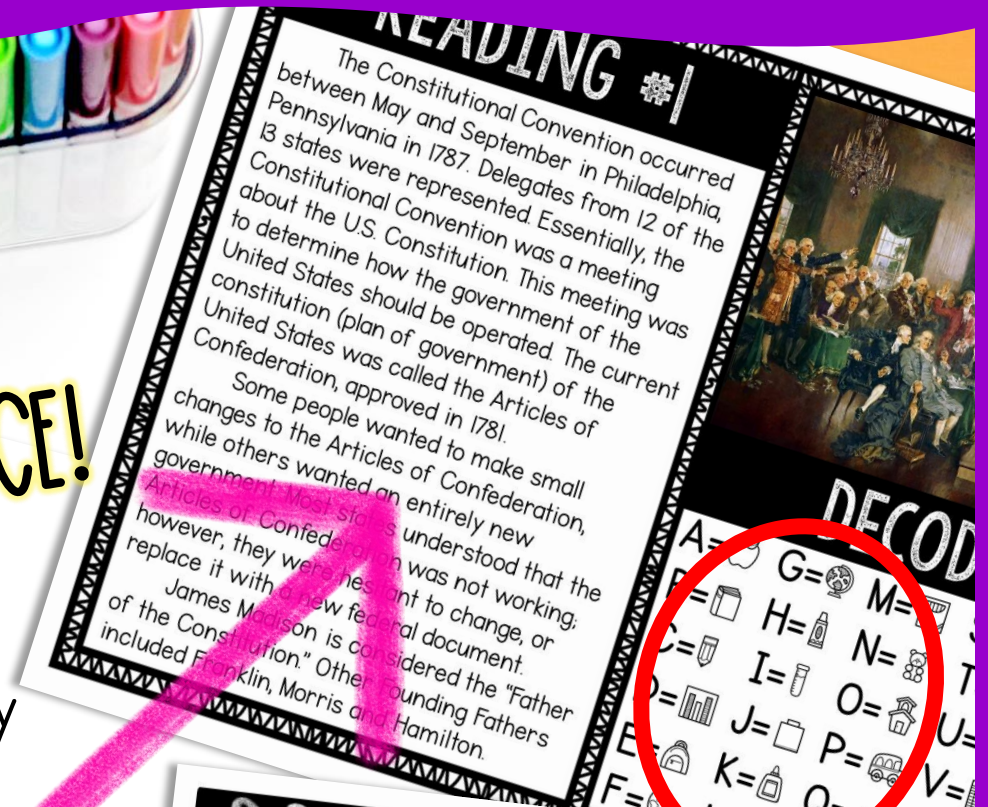
Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit SIX reading stations.

2

Students will answer the questions related to that passage on their recording sheet.

3

Students will use that specific “decoder” to reveal a “clue” about the topic.







BENEFITS & USE



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

-  NO PREP
-  PRINT AND GO
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING