

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

intended	Treaty	1754
doubled	Great Britain	independence
Mississippi	taxed	allies

The Louisiana Purchase is an important part of United States history. It more than _____ the size of the country and paved the way for exploration and people living in the central part of the current United States of America.

During the French and Indian War, which began in _____, Great Britain's colonists fought France to determine the border of their territories. Both sides had Native American _____. There was a lot of disagreement about land. Finally, the British colonists won the war and claimed the disputed land near the Great Lakes as their own. The war ended in 1763 with the signing of the _____ of Paris.

France owned the land from New Orleans at the mouth of the Mississippi River, northeast near the Great Lakes, and northwest to what is now _____. The French owned more land on the North American continent than either the British or the Spanish.

Spain owned the land West of French Louisiana. They also owned the land that is now Mexico and all the land North to present day Oregon and West along the coast. Spain was a weaker force in Europe at that time, though. They allied themselves with France so the French armies could help protect their land holdings from _____. With their partnership, Spain secretly gave all of its land to France.

Meanwhile, the British colonists decided they wanted to run their own nation. The British King, King George III _____ the people unfairly. They began to question why a king who lived across the ocean was in charge. During the Revolutionary War, the people in the British colonies fought for _____ from Great Britain starting in 1775. The colonists won, and the United States became a new nation.

The land of the United States now included the land from the East coast of the continent all the way to the _____ River. However, New

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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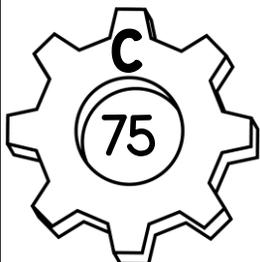
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



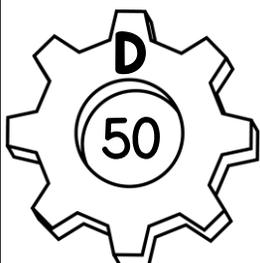
A. The French and Indian War began in 1775.



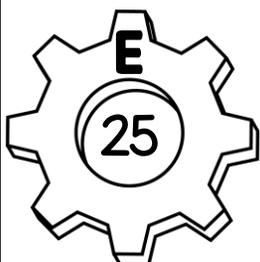
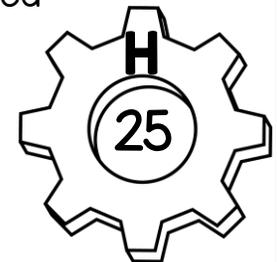
B. An alliance is a union formed that agrees to work together for a mutual benefit.



C. Spain owned the land West of French Louisiana.

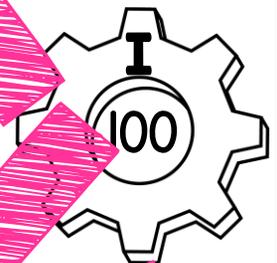


D. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were the leaders of the Sons of Liberty.



E. At first Napoleon refused to sell because he wanted to expand his empire.

F. The United States bought the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million.



G. The Treaty of Paris ended the French and Indian War.

H. The Louisiana Purchase occurred in 1812.

I. Jefferson sent James Monroe and Robert Livingston to France to try to negotiate.

J. Thomas Jefferson was America's third president.

TOTAL: _____

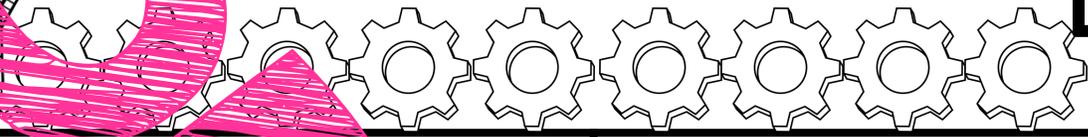
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. Who won the French and Indian War?

- A. France
- B. British colonists
- C. Spanish colonists
- D. Germany

6. New Orleans was the city at the mouth of the river at the ____.

- A. Gulf of Mexico
- B. Santa Fe Trail
- C. Great Lakes
- D. Pacific Ocean

2. When was the Treaty of Paris signed?

- A. 1754
- B. 1759
- C. 1761
- D. 1763

7. Some government leaders believed the purchase may lead to a war with ____.

- A. Canada
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Ireland

3. Which ocean was the Corps of Discovery trying to reach?

- A. Pacific
- B. Atlantic
- C. Arctic
- D. Indian

8. Napoleon became desperate for money due to the conflicts in ____, so he sold the land.

- A. North America
- B. Europe
- C. Asia
- D. South America

4. Who did colonists fight in the Revolutionary War?

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Great Britain
- D. Mexico

9. What was Lewis and Clark's team called?

- A. Corps of Discovery
- B. Sons of Discovery
- C. Corps of Exploration
- D. Sons of Exploration

5. At the time, who came into power in France?

- A. James Monroe
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Napoleon Bonaparte
- D. Merriwether Lewis

10. The new land today includes all or part of ____ different states.

- A. 12
- B. 13
- C. 14
- D. 15

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