

# 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
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS</b>	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.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	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.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, 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.

word	people	wealthy
vote	Greece	taxes
democracy	sea	temple

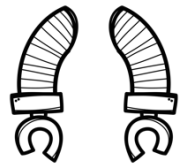
Athens was the largest and most powerful city-state located near the Aegean Sea in \_\_\_\_\_. No one is entirely sure when it was founded, but the earliest recorded history goes back about 3,400 years. The city of Athens has deep roots in Greek mythology, but it was also a very important place in history.

According to Greek mythology, the city of Athens used to be a region named Attica. The city of Attica hosted a competition to build a \_\_\_\_\_ for a Greek god or goddess (deities). The goal was to have a "protector" of their city. The contest was between Poseidon, the god of the \_\_\_\_\_, and Athena, the goddess of wisdom and warcraft. Both gave the city gifts and the people judged who the temple should belong to. Poseidon gave the city a saltwater fountain and spring. It was beautiful, but impractical. You can't drink salt water, cook with it, or water crops. Athena gave the city an olive tree. The tree was useful for shade, \_\_\_\_\_, and producing olives which could be eaten or made into olive oil for cooking. The people of Attica chose Athena as their patroness and dedicated the temple to her.

Athens was founded when several city-states in Attica were united into one by the mythical King Theseus. Around 700 BC, the king was replaced by Archons or \_\_\_\_\_ landowners who ruled together. The people lived with their rules for a while, but eventually revolted. This was the beginning of democracy, or rule of the \_\_\_\_\_.

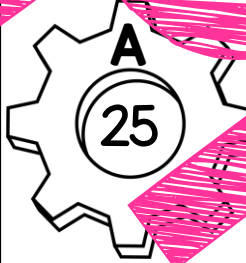
The agora was the center of government with decorated temples and government buildings. It was a meeting place for people to discuss philosophy, commerce, and government. It was the birthplace of \_\_\_\_\_. Democracy was created by Cleisthenes, "the Father of Democracy." Athens democracy was invented here, at that time, only men could \_\_\_\_\_. This new political system put the people in charge of laws, \_\_\_\_\_, and government officials.

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

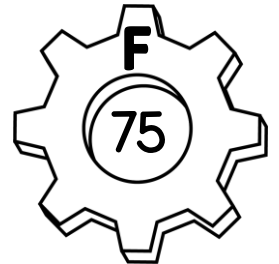


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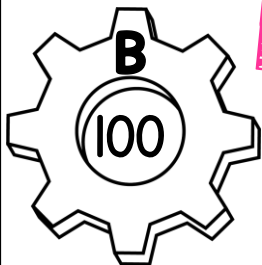
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



**A.** Athens was home to philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.



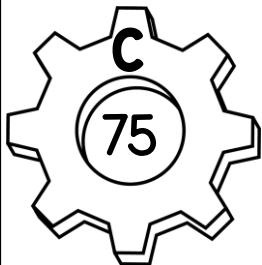
**B.** The agora was the birthplace of democracy.



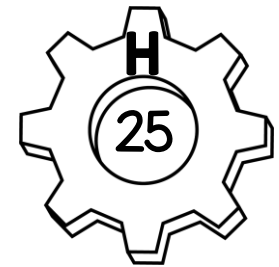
**C.** Athens was located near the Caribbean Sea.



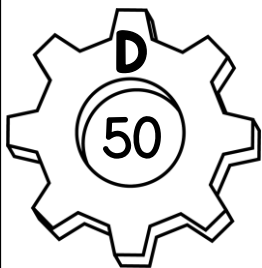
**D.** The city of Athens used to be a region named Attica.



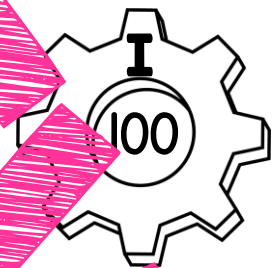
**E.** The independent country of Greece was founded in 1952.



**F.** Poseidon gave the city a saltwater fountain and spring.



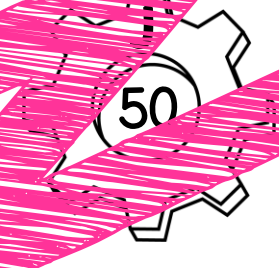
**G.** Democracy was created by Theseus.



**H.** Hercules was the god of the sea.



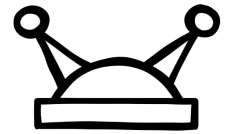
**I.** In 146 BC, Athens was conquered by Rome at the Battle of Corinth.



**J.** Greek gods or goddesses were also known as deities.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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

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1. What are Greek gods or goddesses also known as?

- A. Sphinx
- B. Deities
- C. Polis
- D. Susa

2. The city of Athens used to be a region named \_\_\_\_.

- A. New France
- B. Crete
- C. Attica
- D. Dionysus

3. Who was the goddess of wisdom and warcraft?

- A. Apollo
- B. Artemis
- C. Aristotle
- D. Athena

4. What was the center of government?

- A. Agora
- B. Dionysus
- C. Deities
- D. Cronus

5. The word 'acro' means '\_\_\_\_' and the word 'polis' means city.

- A. Low
- B. High
- C. Strong
- D. Heavy

6. How long did the building of the Acropolis take?

- A. 5 years
- B. 7 years
- C. 9 years
- D. 11 years

7. The Peloponnesian Wars lasted \_\_\_\_ years.

- A. 11
- B. 17
- C. 21
- D. 27

8. When was the independent country of Greece founded?

- A. 1832
- B. 1782
- C. 1807
- D. 1832

9. In 146 B.C., Athens was conquered by Rome at the battle of \_\_\_\_.

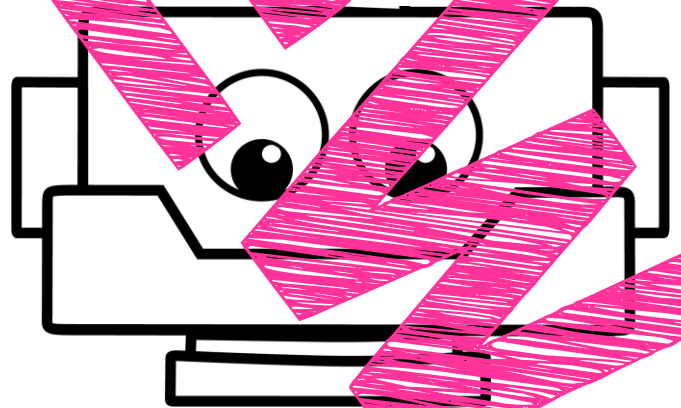
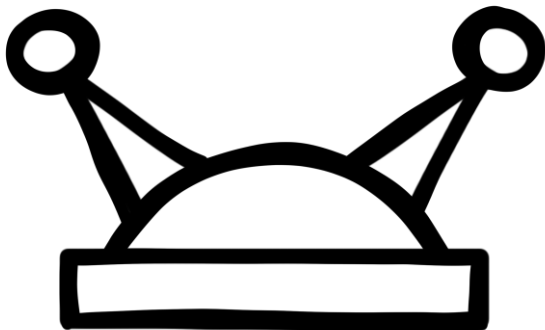
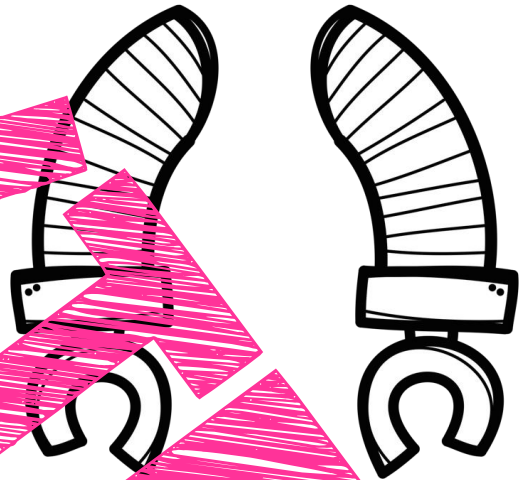
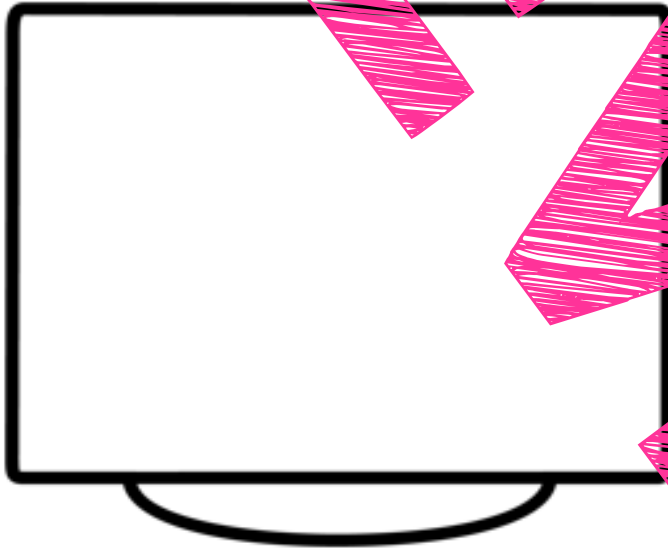
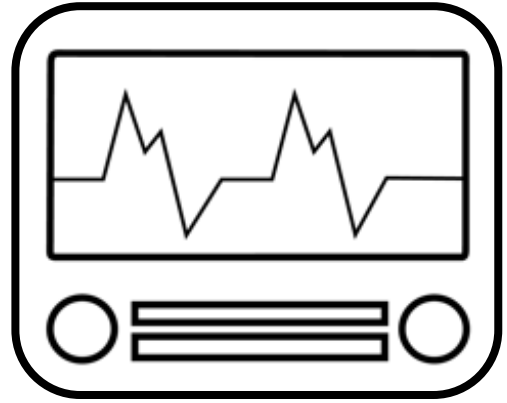
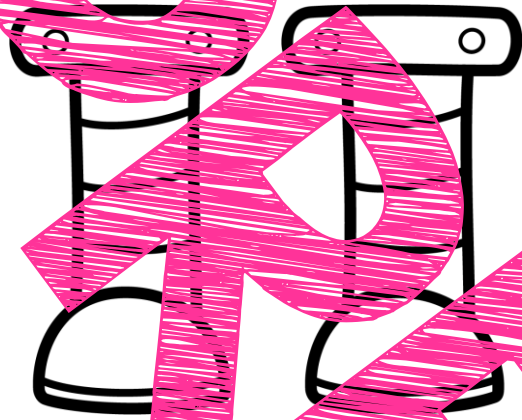
- A. Corinth
- B. Thebes
- C. Red Cliffs
- D. Luxor

10. Who was "the Father of Democracy"?

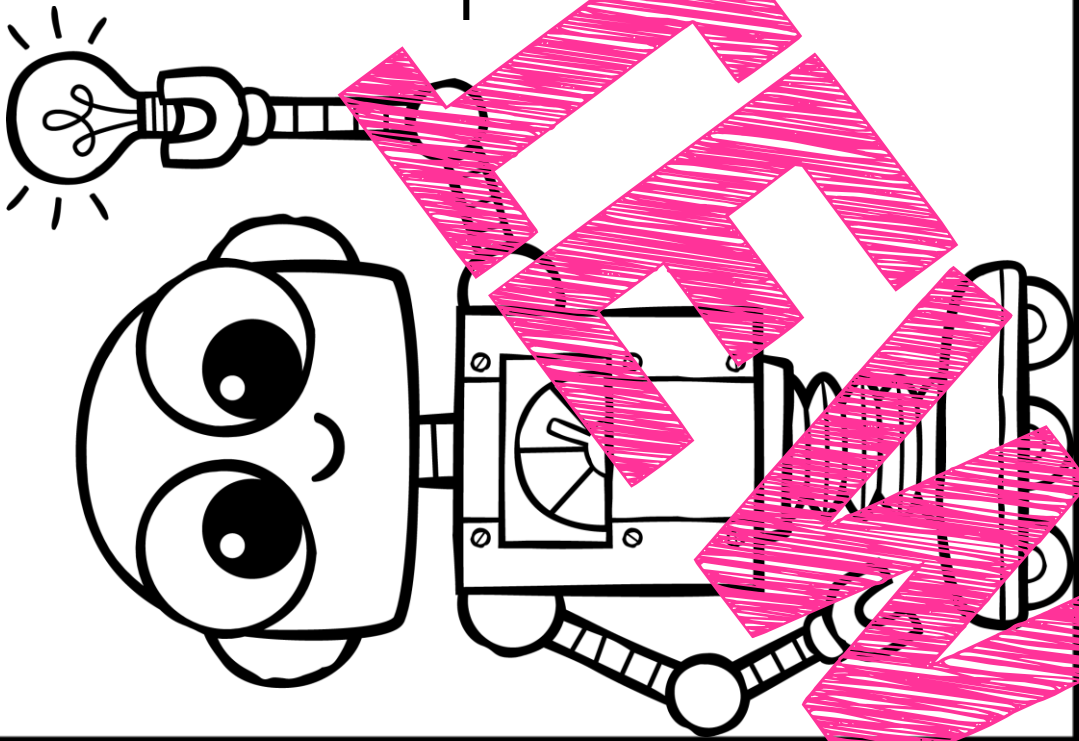
- A. Zeus
- B. Dionysus
- C. Cleisthenes
- D. Theseus

# BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



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