

JUDICIAL BRANCH

ESCAPE ROOM

A. Local
B. International
C. State
D. National

6 In the court hierarchy, which courts are directly below the Supreme Court?
A. Appeals Courts
B. State Courts
C. County Courts
D. District Courts

How many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to solve the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.

1032	2301
J	N

jury duty MINUS 11.

The FIRST number of the lock is the amendment number that prevents double jeopardy MINUS 5.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of Appellate Circuit Courts MINUS 10.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
J	K	P

8th 5 7
6 slow 8 speedy
9th 9 3rd
final

The judicial process helps ensure that every person has a fair trial with an honest, competent (qualified) judge. The Constitution states that it is a basic right to have a ____ trial (6th Amendment), legal representation, and protection from cruel punishments (____ Amendment). It also states that a person cannot be tried for the same crime twice, called double jeopardy (5th Amendment). Once arrested, a person will appear before a judge and is legally appointed, a person ____ (to ask for a review). Then, it will go to a higher court. If the outcome of the trial does not appear fair, it can be ____ (to ask for a review). Then, it will go to a higher court. If a decision that is made at the Supreme Court is ____.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
B	M	M

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Use the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A The members of the Supreme Court are appointed, chosen, by the President, then confirmed (approved) by the Senate.

B Since 1869, the Supreme Court has maintained nine justices.

C The Constitution guarantees the right to a fair trial before an unbiased jury of peers.

D Under the Supreme Court is the Court of Appeals.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

A 75	A. The Judicial Branch is outlined in Article I of the US Constitution.	E 100
B 25	B. The main focus of the Judicial Branch is creating new legislation.	F
	C. Appeals Courts have three judges and do not use a jury.	
	D. The position of Supreme Court Justices is for life.	

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Judicial Branch of the federal (national) government but the most important job is to interpret the laws from laws mean and how they legally interpret the laws from the Judicial Branch, also known as the courts.

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There are 94 District Courts. There are 94 District Courts. There are 94 District Courts.

Each court has a judge and a jury. Each court has a judge and a jury. Each court has a judge and a jury.

Members of the Supreme Court are appointed, chosen, by the President, then confirmed (approved) by the Senate. Members of the Supreme Court are appointed, chosen, by the President, then confirmed (approved) by the Senate.

balances. When the President is confirmed (approved) by the Senate, the President is confirmed (approved) by the Senate.

THINK TANK

STATIONS ACTIVITY

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 5 STATIONS
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ✓ PROP SIGNS

STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Use your reading passage to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER for each missing word, in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue LETTER on your answer sheet.

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Follow the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

STATION 4: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order. There is room on your answer sheet to do the math.

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4-digit code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in that box on your answer sheet.

ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES

LETTER CLUE

STATION 1	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE
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A	B	C	D	E	F	
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STATION 2	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE
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ENTER

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TEACHER DIRECTION

- 1 Print the reading passage found on [pages 5-6](#) for EACH (front and back).
- 2 Print the answer recording sheet on [page 12](#) for each student group of students.

RECAP: Print pages 5, 6, and 12 for students.

STATION

5

BLUE

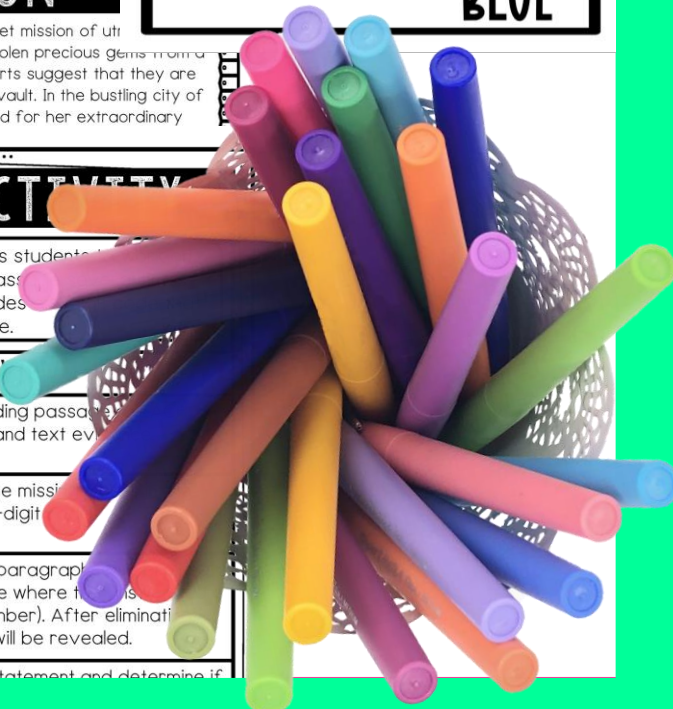
THE MISSION

You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. A notorious thief has stolen precious gems from a prominent lady, and intelligence reports suggest that they are hidden in a heavily guarded secret vault. In the bustling city of Oakville, Lady Victoria was renowned for her extraordinary

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to practice their comprehension skills after reading the passage. Students will be searching for evidence. Each station includes a clue that will reveal a letter clue.

	OVERVIEW
READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at each station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing word in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs in the reading passage to determine where the missing words can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating the incorrect numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false.



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STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal the code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If an option is not used, put a 0 in that box on your answer sheet.

1. What is the length of a Supreme Court term?

A. 2 years
B. 4 years
C. 6 years
D. There is no term

2. What is the main purpose of the Judicial Branch?

A. Enforce the laws
B. Create new laws
C. Interpret the laws
D. Veto the laws

3. Which amendment provides for the protection of the individual?

A. 4th
B. 6th
C. 8th
D. 10th

Count how many times you used each letter answer to determine the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.

ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES	LETTER CODE
STATION 1: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STATION 2: A B C D E F	<input type="text"/>
STATION 3: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STATION 4: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STATION 5: 1 2 3 4 5 6	<input type="text"/>

Do your math in this area:

A# B# C# D#

STATION 4: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order. There is room on your answer sheet for the math.

1. The LAST number of the lock is the number of District Courts MINUS 5.

2. The SECOND number of the lock is the minimum age requirement for a Supreme Court Justice.

3. The third number of the lock is the number of Justices on the Supreme Court.

4. The first number of the lock is the number of Justices on the Supreme Court.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the order in which they appear in the paragraphs. Write the NUMBER on your answer sheet.

1. appealed 4. amend 7. spe
2. never fin 5. slow 8. 3
3. 8th 6. 9th 9. fi

The judicial branch has the power to hear every person who is accused of a crime. It is the only branch of government that can remove a judge from office. The Constitution requires that judges have a 6-year term. The 6th Amendment guarantees the right to a fair trial. The 8th Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. The 14th Amendment states that no state can deprive a person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. The 5th Amendment states that no person shall be held to answer for a crime unless by a grand jury. The 6th Amendment guarantees the right to a fair trial. The 8th Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. The 14th Amendment states that no state can deprive a person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. The 5th Amendment states that no person shall be held to answer for a crime unless by a grand jury.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

B H M

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that matches that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin. Once you are finished coloring the coins, add the TRUE coin values together to determine the final total. One dime is worth 10¢, one nickel is worth 5¢, and one penny is worth 1¢.

A. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States.
B. The focus of the Judicial Branch is to create new legislation.
C. The Judicial Branch is made up of nine Justices.
D. The Constitution guarantees the right to a fair trial.
E. The Supreme Court has the power to hear every person who is accused of a crime.
F. The 6th Amendment guarantees the right to a fair trial.
G. The 8th Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment.
H. Under the Court of Appeals, there are just 13 District Courts.

After shading the coins on your answer sheet, add the TRUE coin values together to get the final total.

275 350 4

G D

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than once or not at all. Follow the directions below to determine the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A. The members of the Supreme Court are appointed, or chosen, by the President, then confirmed (approved) by the Senate.
B. Since 1869, the Supreme Court has had nine Justices.
C. The Constitution guarantees a fair and speedy trial before a jury.
D. Under the Supreme Court, there are 13 Circuit Courts of Appeals.
E. The Judicial Branch is made up of nine Justices.
F. Justices can only be removed from office by impeachment, resignation, or death.

ELIMINATE the highest and lowest used paragraph numbers and record the remaining 4-digit code on your answer sheet. Decide which paragraph number was NOT used as a CODE answer.

NO 5 NO 2 NO 4

L C W

STATIONS

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY


The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence. Each station includes a 4-digit code that will reveal a letter clue.

OVERVIEW

READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at EACH station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing words in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs and browse the passage to determine where the answers can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. They will then ADD all TRUE values to find the 4-digit code.
STATION 4	Students will do some basic math here, read the passage to find the answers and then determine the 4 digit code.
STATION 5	Students will answer 6 multiple choice questions which lead them to a 4 digit code based on the number of times they used each "ABCD" answer.
TEXT MARKING	OPTIONAL: A color code chart is included in case you want students to mark the text, citing evidence of where they found their answers. (This will increase completion time)

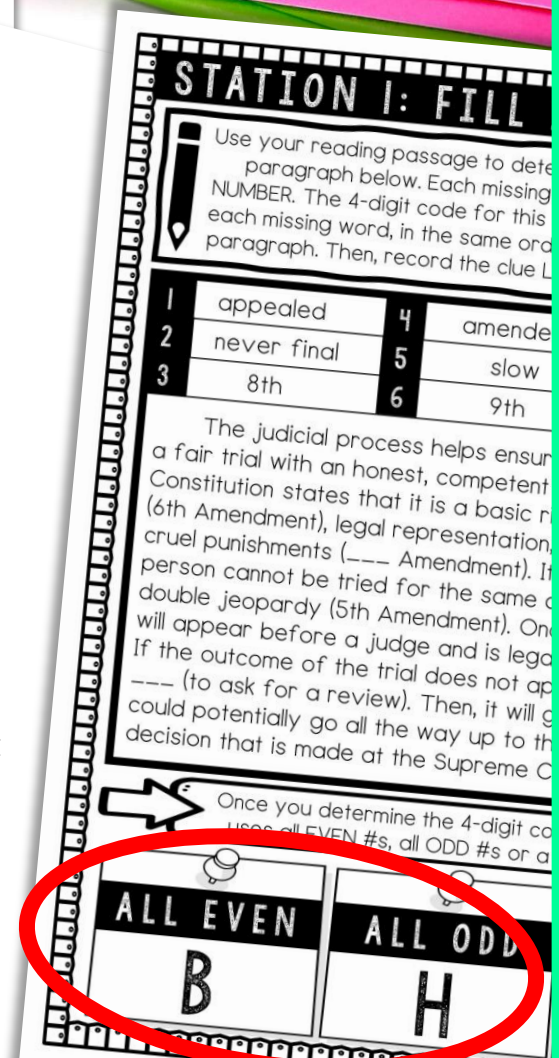
**STUDENTS WILL
USE THE SAME
READING
PASSAGE AT
EACH STATION
SEEKING
ANSWERS AND
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 5 stations, answer questions, decipher a 4-digit code at each station and grab a "letter" clue for the final alpha code.
- 2 Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their own recording sheet. Students will have to revisit their reading passage several times at EACH station skimming for answers.



STATION 1: FILL

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word is represented by a NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station is formed by the numbers of each missing word, in the same order as they appear in the reading passage. Then, record the clue letter for each missing word in the grid below.

1	appealed	4	amended
2	never final	5	slow
3	8th	6	9th

The judicial process helps ensure a fair trial with an honest, competent judge. The Constitution states that it is a basic right of every citizen (6th Amendment), legal representation, and protection from cruel punishments (____ Amendment). If a person cannot be tried for the same crime more than once (double jeopardy (5th Amendment)). One cannot be tried before a judge and is legal until a verdict is reached. If the outcome of the trial does not appeal, a person can appeal (to ask for a review). Then, it will go to the next level of the court system. The decision that is made at the Supreme Court is final.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, record the letters in the grid below. Use all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD
B	H

BENEFITS

- ✓ STATIONS AND MOVEMENT
- ✓ CLOSE READING
- ✓ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ SECRET CODES
- ✓ CITING EVIDENCE
- ✓ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✓ PRINT AND GO
- ✓ ACTIVE LEARNING
- ✓ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✓ HIGHLY ENGAGING
- ✓ NO LOCKS NEEDED
- ✓ NO SILLY ENVELOPES TO STUFF
- ✓ NO ODD SHAPES TO CUT OUT



Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

USE FOR:



ANTICIPATORY SETS



UNIT REVIEW



EARLY FINISHERS



STATIONS



REWARD ACTIVITY



CENTERS



SUB PLANS



PARTNER WORK



ENRICHMENT

