

# BYZANTINE EMPIRE

## ESCAPE ROOM

**BYZANTINE EMPIRE**  
The Empire was split into two parts by the Emperor Diocletian. Over time, the empire was divided into two parts and reunited, but in 395 AD, the empire was divided into two parts. The Eastern part of the Roman Empire, which was the current countries of Italy, Greece, and Turkey, as well as Lebanon, and Israel. The name Byzantine Empire was used to refer to the Roman Empire, which was from approximately the 4th to the 15th century. The Byzantine Empire was ruled by the emperors, or Basileus, ruled the Byzantine Empire.

Constantine was one of the first emperors of the Byzantine Empire. He named the capital city Nova Roma, meaning New Rome. The city came to be better known as Constantinople, (Constantinople). He wanted to wash out the old Roman religion in which...

**LEVEL 1 DECODER**

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| <del>V</del> |              |              | <del>Z</del> |              |              |

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| T=8 | G=3 | Z=5 |
| Q=7 | D=q | P=0 |
| H=1 | Y=8 | B=3 |
| N=4 | C=6 | K=1 |

**LEVEL 2 DECODER**

2 ABC  
3 DEF  
5 JKL  
6 MNO  
8 TUV  
9 WXYZ

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**  
What was the Corpus of Civil Law also called?  
 Martial law  
 Constantian Code  
 Hammurabi's Code  
 Justinian Code

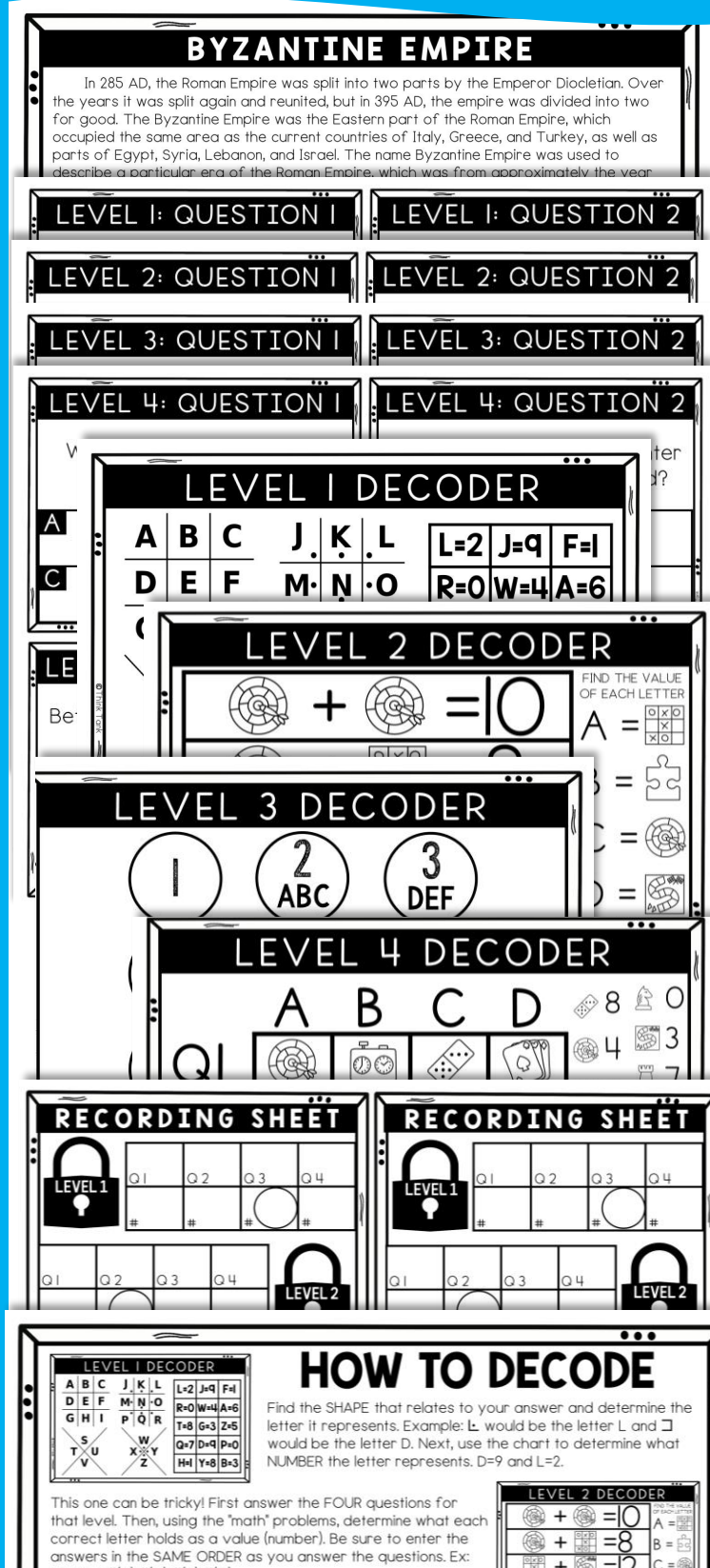
**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4**  
What word means non-Christian?  
 Praetor

**RECORDING SHEET**

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| LEVEL 1 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
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**THINK TANK**

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 4 PUZZLE DECODERS
- ✓ 16 MULTIPLE CHOICE Q'S
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ HINT CARDS



# 16 QUESTIONS

**ANTINE EMPIRE**  
The Byzantine Empire was split into two parts by the emperor Theodosius I in 395 AD, the eastern part was the Eastern Roman Empire and the western part was the Western Roman Empire. The Eastern Roman Empire was the Eastern part of Italy, Greece, the Balkans, the Middle East, and Asia Minor. The name Byzantine Empire was used by the Westerners to refer to the Eastern Roman Empire, which was the continuation of the Roman Empire, which was founded by the Roman Emperor Augustus in 27 BC and ruled by the emperors, or Basileus, until the fall of the empire in 1453.

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1**  
The Byzantine Empire was the Eastern part of the \_\_\_ Empire.  
A Akkadian B Greek  
C Roman D Egyptian

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**  
What was the Code of Justinian also known as?  
A Martial law B Hammurabi's Code  
C The Twelve Tables D The Justinian Code

**LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1**  
What does Nova Roma mean?  
A New Rome B New Aroma  
C Never Rome D Next Rome

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3**  
Today, what is the capital city of Turkey?  
A Constantinople B Ankara  
C Istanbul D Athens

**RECORDING SHEET**  
LEVEL 1  
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4  
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**LEVEL 1 DECODER**  
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R=0 W=4  
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N=4 C=6  
K

**LEVEL 4: QUESTION 1**  
What year did Constantine come into power?  
A 324 B 274  
C 311 D 306

**LEVEL 4: QUESTION 2**  
Who was the first emperor of the Byzantine Empire?  
A Augustus B Nero  
C Julius Caesar D Caligula

**LEVEL 3 DECODER**  
1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 9  
ABCDEFGHIJKL MNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1**  
What plague made the Byzantine Empire weaker?  
A Yellow Fever B Scarlet Fever  
C Black Death D Maroon Death

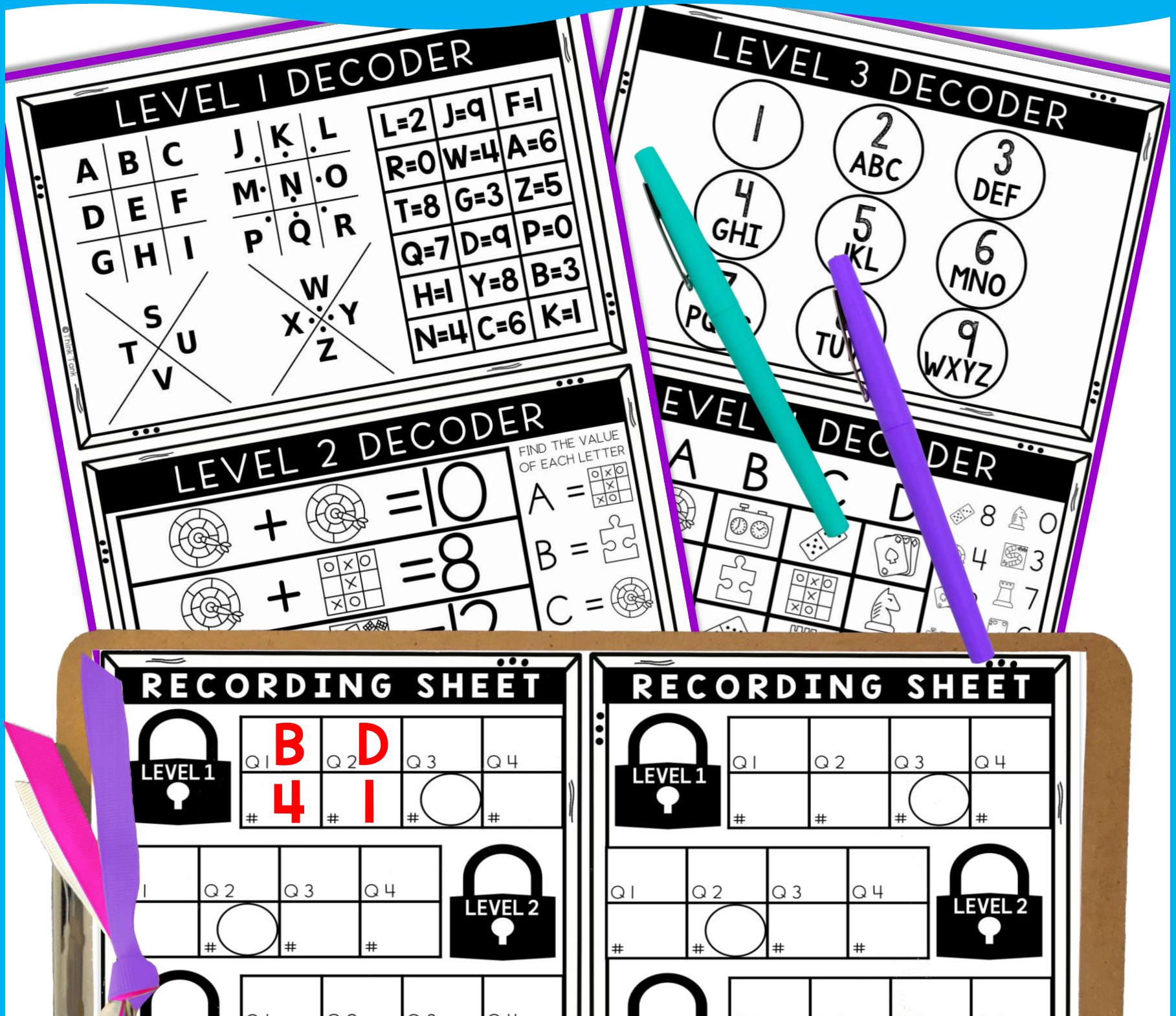
**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2**  
The Byzantine Empire lasted for \_\_\_ centuries.  
A Three B Eleven  
C Fourteen D Seven

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 3**  
For how many years did Constantine rule?  
A 15 B 20  
C 25 D 30

**LEVEL 3: QUESTION 4**  
What year did Justinian I become emperor?  
A 527 B 529  
C 530 D 532

**LEVEL 4 DECODER**  
Q1 Q2 Q3  
A B C D  
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4 3  
2 7  
6


# PUZZLE TYPES



# PRINT, CUT, PLAY

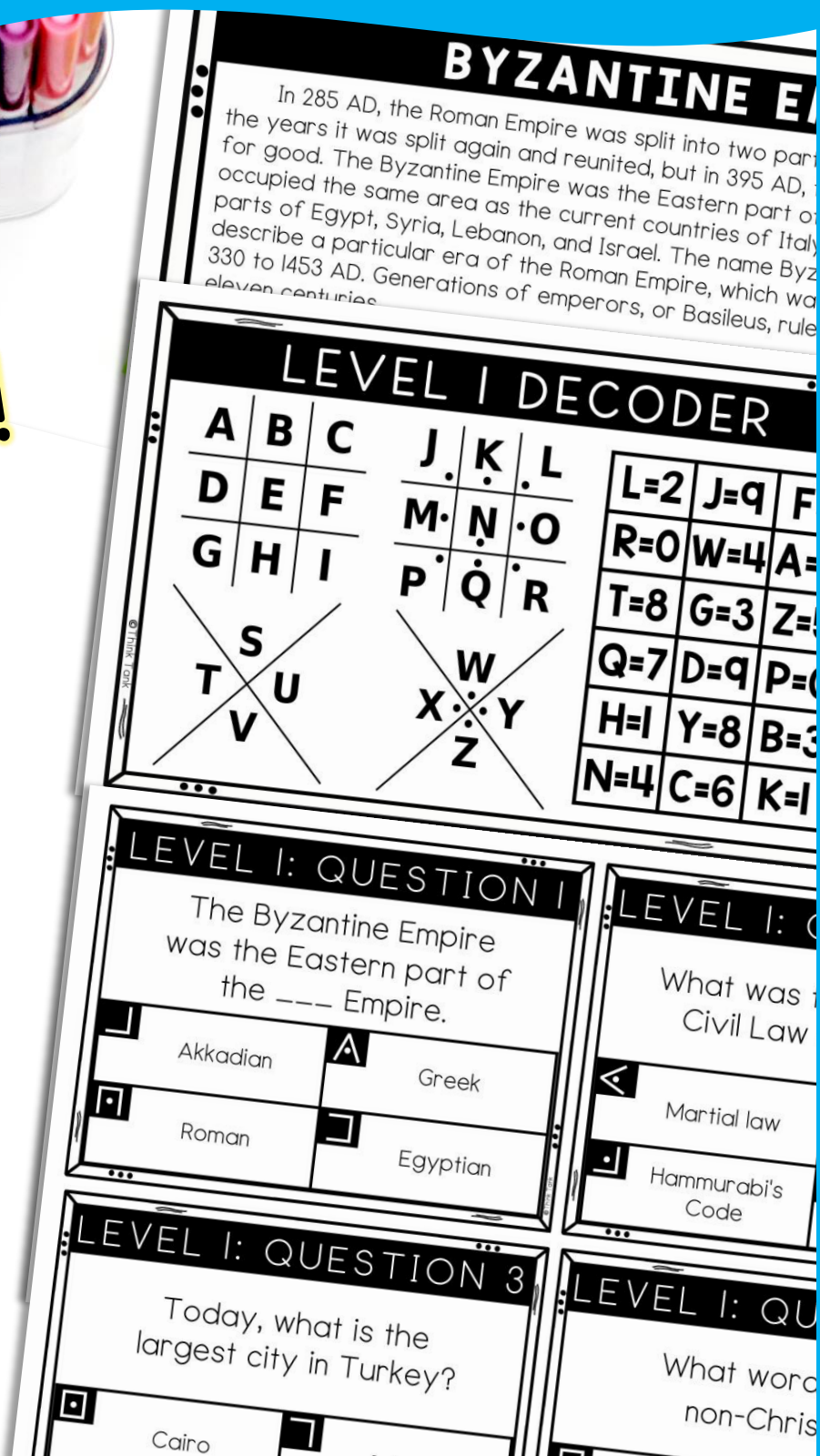


# HOW IT WORKS



## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 16 question cards.
- 2 Students will answer the questions found directly in the passage on their recording sheet.
- 3 Students will use that specific “decoder” to reveal a 4-digit code for each level.



**BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

In 285 AD, the Roman Empire was split into two parts for the years it was split again and reunited, but in 395 AD, the Byzantine Empire was the Eastern part of the Roman Empire. It occupied the same area as the current countries of Italy, Greece, Turkey, and parts of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel. The name Byzantine is used to describe a particular era of the Roman Empire, which was the Eastern Roman Empire from 330 to 1453 AD. Generations of emperors, or Basileus, ruled the empire for eleven centuries.

**LEVEL 1 DECODER**

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| G            | H            | I            | P            | Q            | R            | T=8 | G=3 | Z=6 |
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**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1**

The Byzantine Empire was the Eastern part of the --- Empire.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Akkadian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roman    | <input type="checkbox"/> B            | <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian |

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2**

What was the name of the Roman law that gave the emperor the power to make laws?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Martial law                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hammurabi's Code |

**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3**

Today, what is the largest city in Turkey?

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**LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4**


What word describes a person who is not Christian?




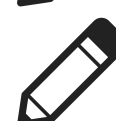
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# BENEFITS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

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

-  LOW PREP
-  PRINT, CUT & PLAY
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

