

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

## OVERVIEW

### THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

### QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

### CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

### GRADE LEVEL

### RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Legislative Branch, or Article I of the U.S. Constitution, is part of the federal (national) government of the United States. This branch has the unique and important job of creating laws for the country. The power of the federal government is divided between the three branches to have a separation of powers. This means that each branch has a different role and responsibility, making sure that the federal government operates without becoming excessively powerful. The Legislative Branch is also known as Congress. Congress is bicameral which means that it has two houses. Congress is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each of these is referred to as a "house". The Senate, also known as the "upper house," has 100 members with each state having two Senators. The House of Representatives, also known as the "lower house," has 435 members but the number of representatives per state is based on population. The people who make the laws are called Legislators. Members of Congress work in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

There are different election processes and qualifications for each of the houses. Article I of the U.S. Constitution outlines the requirements to be a Senator. A Senator must be at least 30 years old. They must be a U.S. citizen for at least nine years and live in the state they represent. Article I also outlines the requirements to be a Representative. The person must be 25 years old. They must be a U.S. citizen for the last seven years. They also must live in the state that they hope to represent.

The Legislative Branch helps make sure that the laws of the federal government are fair and just. An idea for a law, called a bill, must go through many steps called the Legislative Process. A bill must be brought to Congress by either a Senator or a Representative. After the bill gets reviewed further and researched. The bill is debated by the House of Representatives and the Senate. The majority of one house has to vote for

3 What word means to collect?



Legislation



Certify



Levy



Veto

4 Who has the power to veto a law?



President



Vice President



Senate



Cabinet

5 How many regions are included in Article I?



2



4



8



10

6 For a veto to get passed by Congress, it must receive \_\_\_ votes in both houses.



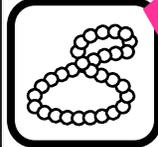
One-fourth



Two-thirds



50%



One-third

7

Congress is \_\_\_\_ which means that it has two houses.



Double



Divided



Legislation



Bicameral

8

A representative in the House of Reps must be \_\_\_\_ years old.



40



35



30



25

9

The main focus of the Legislative Branch is to \_\_\_\_.



Interpret laws



Make laws



Enforce laws



Veto laws

10

What is another word for federal?



International



National



State

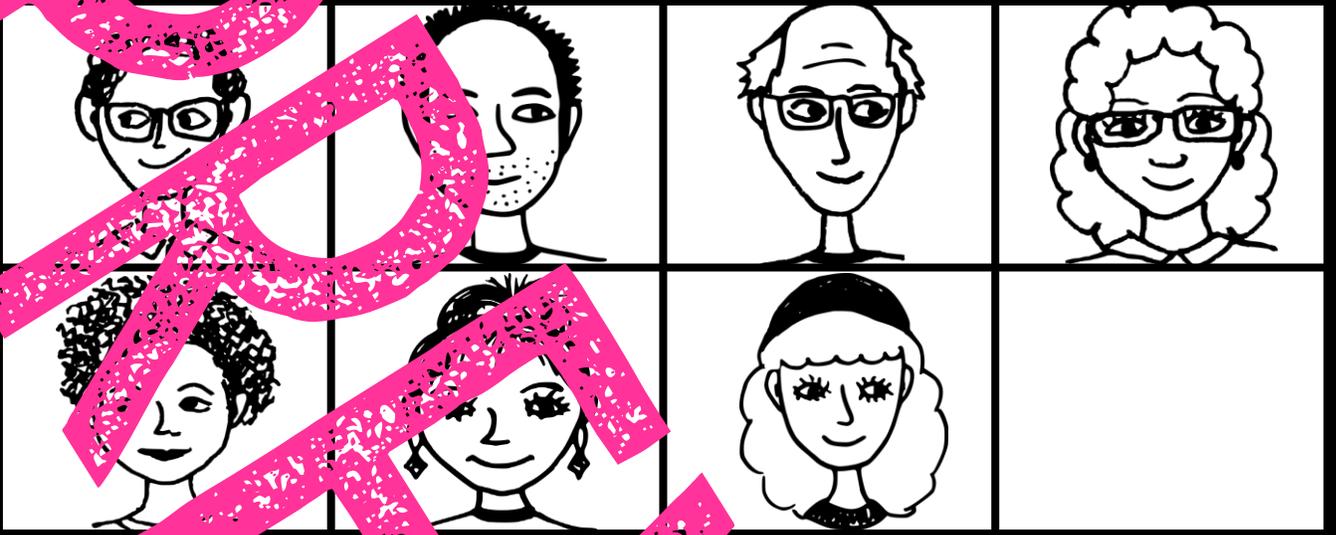


Country

# CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

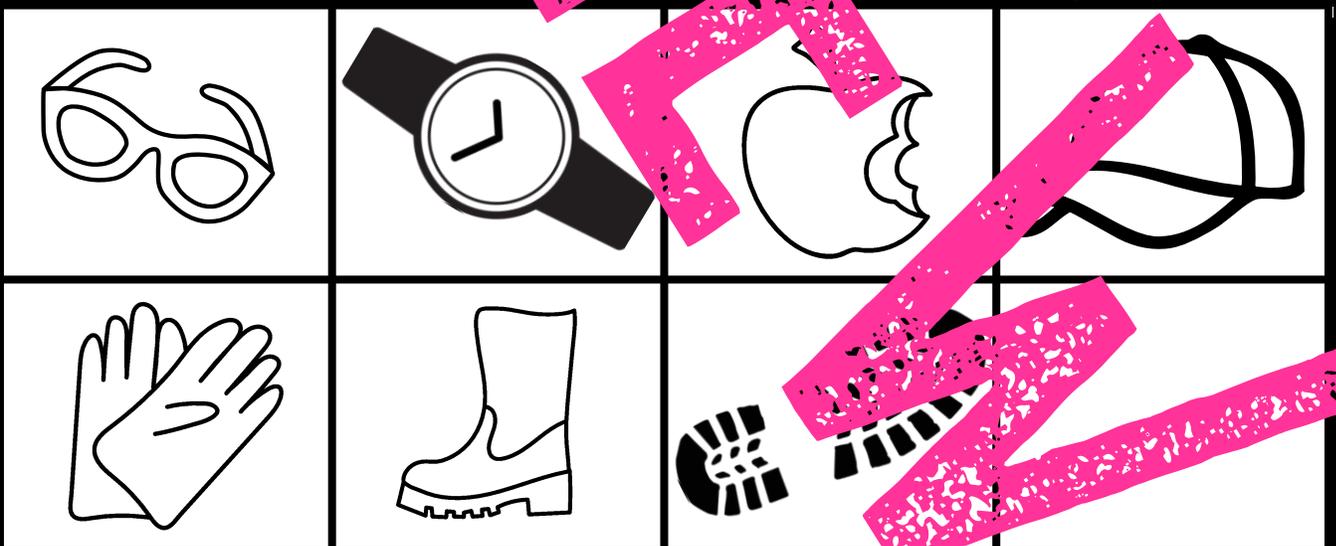
SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED  
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

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LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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# MORE RESOURCES

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