

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The 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 MARK OFF their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

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RANGE

BEGINNING

MIDDLE

END

BEGINNING

MIDDLE

END

BEGINNING

OREGON TRAIL

The Oregon Trail is a very important part of the history of the United States of America and the settlement of the American West. In the 1800's, hundreds of thousands of pioneers made their way in covered wagons on the 2,000-mile-long Oregon Trail. The trail crossed the middle of the country through the current states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, and finally into Oregon.

The first people to make their way West in covered wagons were Christian missionaries attempting to spread their faith to Native Americans. Lewis and Clark helped proved through their expedition (1804-1806) with the Corps of Discovery that people could make it from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean. While these first missionaries, Marcus Whitman and his wife, proved that men and women could move their whole lives and families out West. Joel Walker was the first non-missionary to complete the trip along the Oregon Trail in 1840.

In 1843, The Great Migration took place. Marcus Whitman left his new home in Oregon to seek more funding for his mission. He joined a wagon train when he went home again that successfully got 120 wagons and more than 1,000 people safely to Oregon. This trip helped pave the way for even more people to consider heading West on the Oregon Trail.

The Oregon Trail was a very difficult journey. The trail was difficult to follow because it was a path through the changing landscape and rugged terrain. Many travelers carved their names in stones along the trail. A large granite stone in Wyoming called Independence Rock had thousands of signatures.

Part of the struggle of the Oregon Trail was the four or six month journey that had to be endured. Planning to travel over the Oregon trail left several things to be considered. Pioneers had to plan for all types of weather, how they would find enough food, and take care of thousands of

3 The Wagon Trains usually consisted of - Wagons and families.

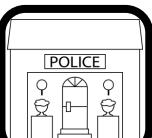


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4 Which current state did the Oregon Trail NOT pass through?



Ohio

Missouri

Nebraska

Kansas

5 Where was Independence Rock?



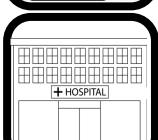
Missouri



Montana



Idaho



Wyoming

6 What was the largest threat on the Oregon Trail?



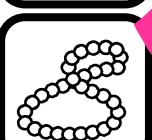
Snakes



Cholera



Mosquitos



Accidents

7 Who led the Lewis and Clark Expedition?



1803

1804

1805

1804

8 What were leaders of the wagon trains called?



Wagon Sire

Cowboys

Scouts

Wagon Masters

9 ____ was the first non-missionary settler to complete the trip.



Marcus Whitman



Joel Walker



William Clark



John O'Sullivan

10 What landmark warned settlers that the trail would get steep?



Fort Laramie



Chimney Rock



Giant Falls



Independence Rock

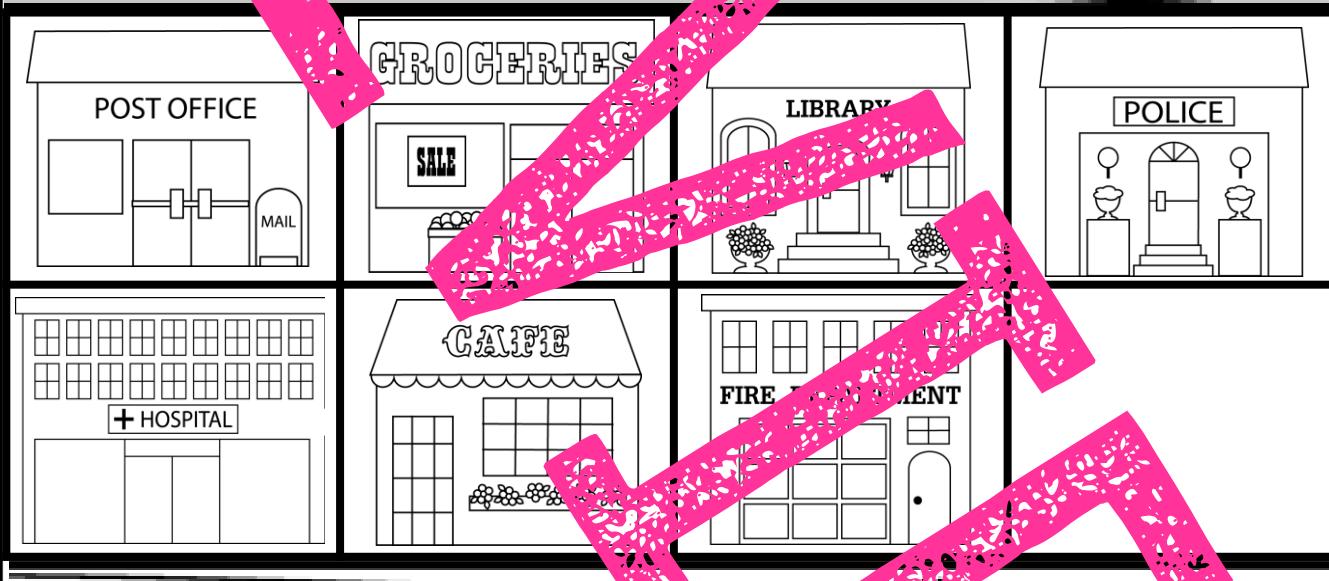
CASE FILE

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

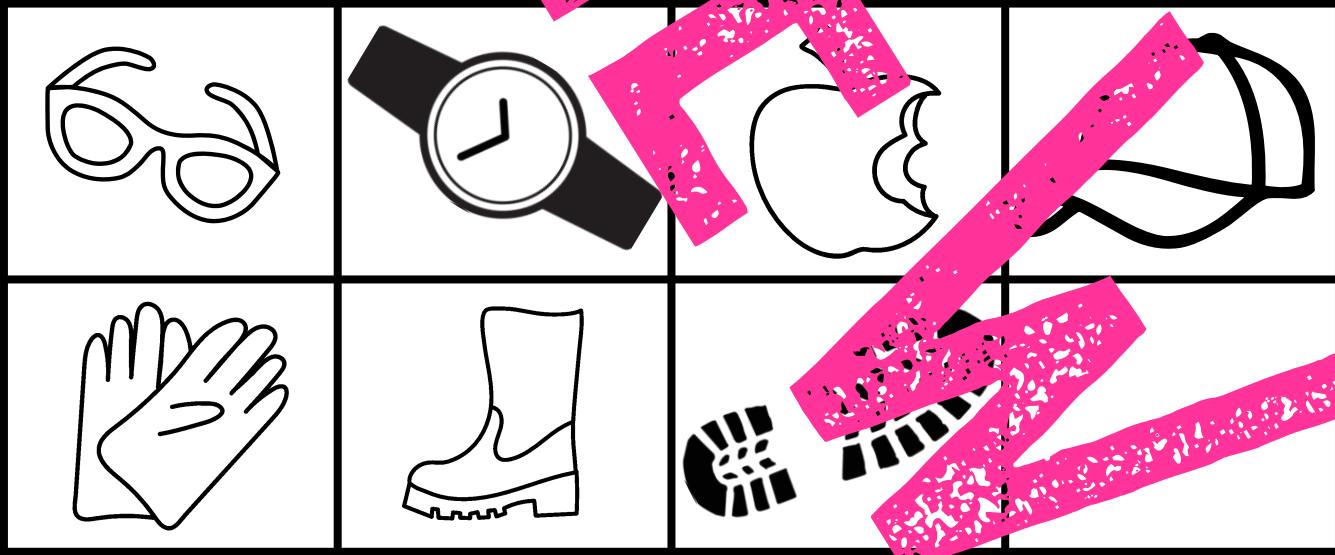
SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS
YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!

LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:



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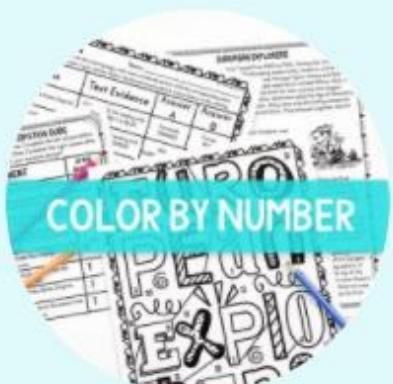


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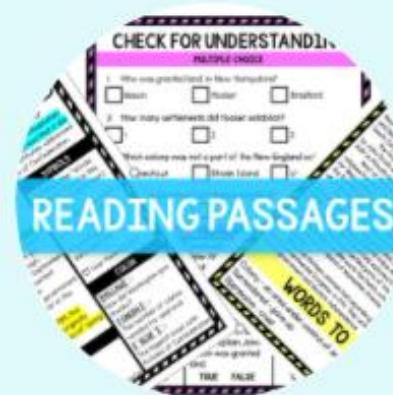
COLOR BY NUMBER



ESCAPE ROOMS



SCAVENGER HUNTS



READING PASSAGES



DIGITAL COMPREHENSION



DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS



COLLABORATIVE POSTERS



GOOGLE SLIDES



BOOM CARDS

