

# 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 as 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

EARN THIS!

Directions Use the words below to fill in the reading.

French	Revere	1775
World	Adams	weapons
taxes	Yorktown	7

The Revolutionary War which began in \_\_\_\_\_, was fought for America's independence from Great Britain. After the French and Indian War, Britain \_\_\_\_\_ the colonies. They needed money to pay for the supplies and soldiers that were used to aid the colonies in defeating the \_\_\_\_\_ for control of America. The colonists did not believe the taxes and laws were fair since they did not get to have a say in British Parliament (government). For that reason, they went to war to gain independence. This war lasted \_\_\_\_\_ years and many battles were fought between the two sides. Two of the most significant battles that started and ended the war were the Battle of Lexington and Concord and the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_.

The battle that started the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. The British army wanted to capture rebel leaders Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ and John Hancock. Although this was just a small fight, it was considered the first one of the American Revolution. The British army was ordered to go to Lexington to capture the rebels and seize (take) weapons the colonists had in Concord. The colonists were warned by Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that the British army was on the way, giving time for Adams and Hancock to leave the area. This also allowed the colonial militia time to hide ammunition. When the British army arrived, there were only about 80 Americans ready to fight while there was a whole army of British soldiers. The British army was led by Major John Burgoyne and the American army was led by Captain John Parker. While they stood against each other, a shot was fired, although it is not clear whether it was the British or the Americans. This was the first shot of the war and was called "shot heard around the \_\_\_\_\_".

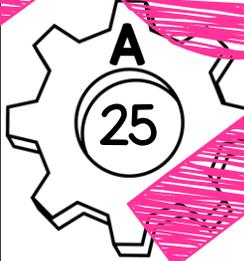
Most of the colonists ran away from the fight in Lexington and a few were killed. Following this battle, the British went to Concord to seize the \_\_\_\_\_ and ammunition (bullets and gunpowder). The American militia retreated (withdrew)

# 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.



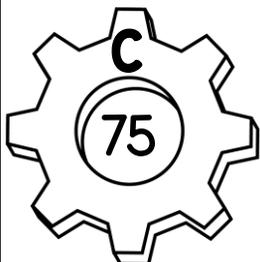
**A.** The battle that started the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Bunker Hill.



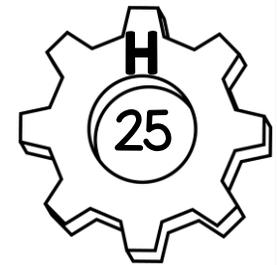
**B.** The Treaty of Ghent officially ended the Revolutionary War.



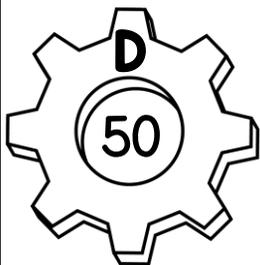
**C.** The Revolutionary War began in 1775 and was fought for independence from Great Britain.



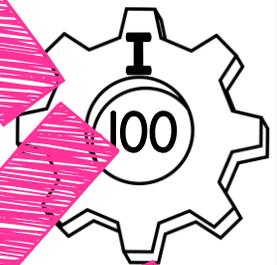
**D.** The British army wanted to capture rebel leaders Paul Revere and George Washington.



**E.** To retreat means to give up.



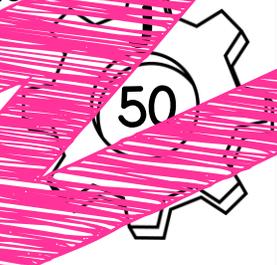
**F.** A British general signed the Articles of Capitulation, a document stating his surrender.



**G.** The British government is known as Parliament.



**H.** The Battle of Yorktown took place in Virginia.



**I.** The colonists were warned by Paul Revere that the British army was on the way.

**J.** In Yorktown, the British were led by John Parker.

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

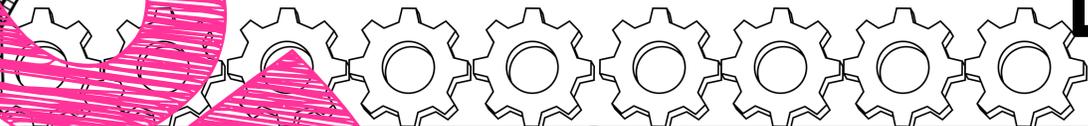
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. When did the Revolutionary War begin?

- A. 1770
- B. 1773
- C. 1775
- D. 1776

6. What treaty ended the Revolutionary War?

- A. Treaty of Paris
- B. Treaty of Ghent
- C. Treaty of Versailles
- D. Treaty of Capitulation

2. After the \_\_\_\_, Britain began taxing the colonies.

- A. Vietnam War
- B. Spanish American War
- C. Civil War
- D. French and Indian War

7. Who was the commander of the Continental army in the south at Yorktown?

- A. John Hancock
- B. John Parker
- C. George Washington
- D. Nathaniel Greene

3. How long did the Revolutionary War last?

- A. 7 years
- B. 9 years
- C. 11 years
- D. 13 years

8. Who led the British army at Lexington and Concord?

- A. John Parker
- B. William Howe
- C. Nathaniel Greene
- D. John Pitcairn

4. The Battles of \_\_\_\_ and Concord marked the start of the Revolutionary War.

- A. Oswego
- B. Yorktown
- C. Lexington
- D. Bunker Hill

9. At the time, the \_\_\_\_ navy was fighting with the colonists.

- A. Spanish
- B. French
- C. German
- D. Irish

5. What word means 'to take'?

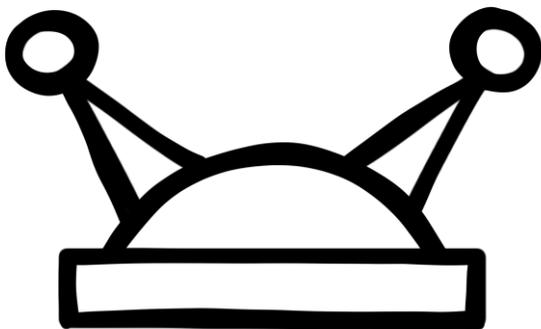
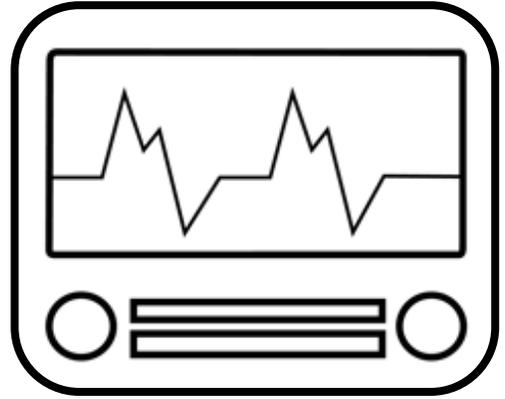
- A. Seize
- B. Boycott
- C. Ammunition
- D. Flee

10. How many days was the Battle of Yorktown fought?

- A. 4
- B. 36
- C. 20
- D. 52

# BOT CARDS

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



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completing 6 reading  
comprehension tasks.*

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