

POWERS OF CONGRESS

ESCAPE ROOM

POWERS OF CONGRESS
 Congress makes up the Legislative Branch of the three powers of the Executive and Judicial branches. Congress is bicameral and the House of Representatives and the Senate, known as the Senate and the House of Representatives, or chambers, work together to make and pass new laws in the United States.

Congress represent the people of the United States. The Senate has two members per state elected to stand for the important issues. The House of Representatives has members since the most recent state, Hawaii, became a state in 1900. There is no limit to how many times the President of the United States is in office and there is a 50-50 split on a decision. The number of representatives is based upon the population of each state.

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
 Congress is made up of the _____ and the House of Representatives.

<input type="checkbox"/> Confederates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federals
<input type="checkbox"/> Senate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parliament

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4
 How many members make up the House of Representatives?

LEVEL 1 DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
T	S	U	X	W	Y
V			Z		

L=2	J=q	F=1
R=0	W=4	A=6
T=8	G=3	Z=5
Q=7	D=9	P=0
H=1	Y=8	B=3
N=4	C=6	K=1

LEVEL 2 DECODER

+ [Target icon] = 10

+ [Grid icon] = 8

FIND THE VALUE OF EACH LETTER

A =	[Grid icon]
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DECODER

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

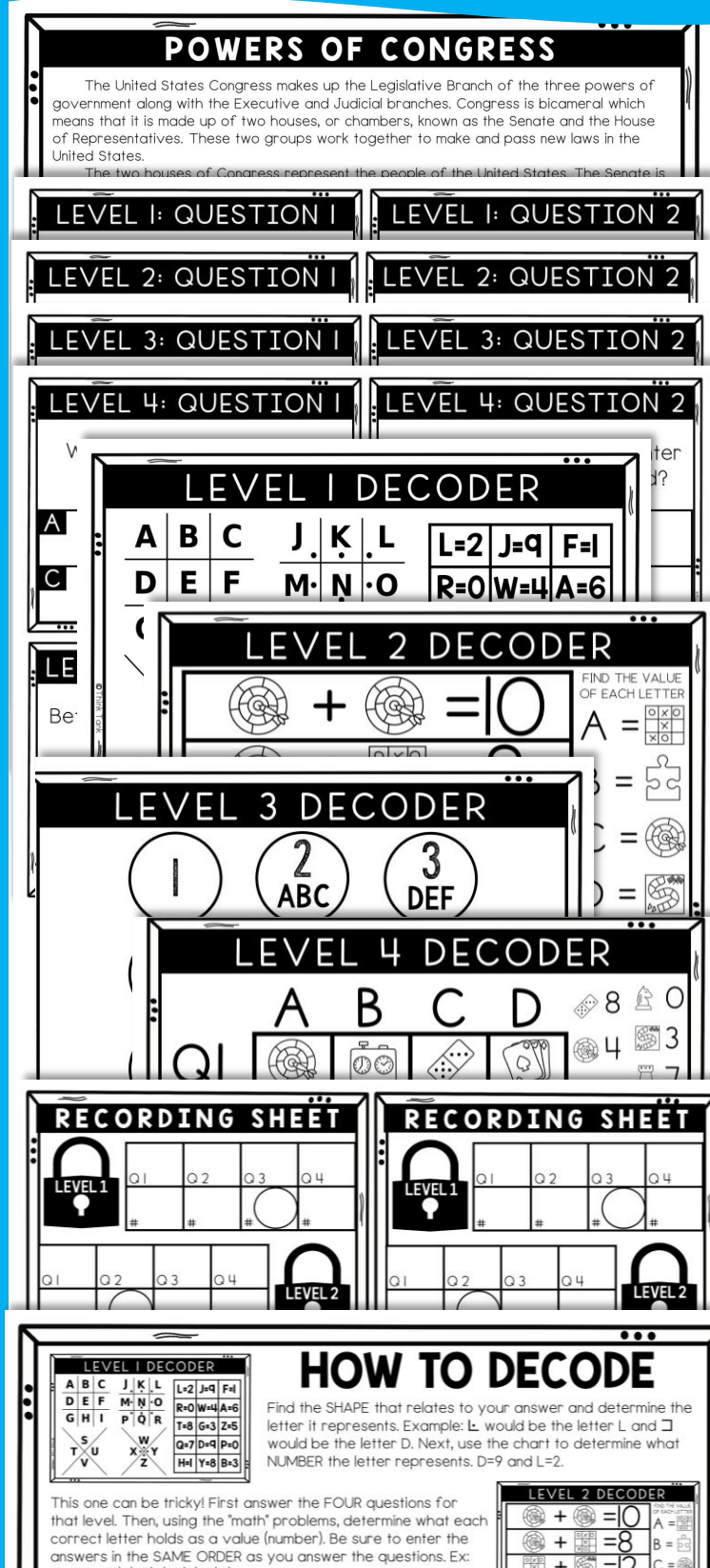
RECORDING SHEET

LEVEL 1	Q1	Q2	Q3
	#	#	#

THINK TANK

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?



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



16 QUESTIONS

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
Congress makes up the Legislative Branch. Congress has two houses, or chambers, known as the House of Representatives and the Senate. Members of Congress represent the people of their state or district. Representatives are elected for two-year terms, and Senators are elected for six-year terms. There are 535 members in total.

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1
Which branch of government is Congress part of?
A. Financial B. Judicial
C. Executive D. Legislative

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 2
Congress is made up of the _____ and the _____ of Representatives.
A. Confederates B. Senate
C. Delegates D. Senators

LEVEL 2: QUESTION 1
How many houses make up Congress?
A. Three B. Two
C. Four D. Five

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3
Which people can become citizens?
A. Immigrants B. Naturalized citizens
C. Foreign-born citizens D. All of the above

RECORDING SHEET
LEVEL 1
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
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LEVEL 1: QUESTION 4
What year did Hawaii become a state?
A. 1959 B. 1949
C. 1939 D. 1929

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 1
How many representatives does the Senate have per state?
A. One B. Two
C. Three D. Five

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 2
What word is used for when a president rejects a bill?
A. Fillbuster B. Amend
C. Veto D. Facilitate

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 3
Which branch of the government is responsible for passing laws?
A. Police B. Judiciary
C. Executive D. Legislative

LEVEL 3: QUESTION 4
How many total members make up the Senate?
A. 100 B. 50
C. 10 D. 5

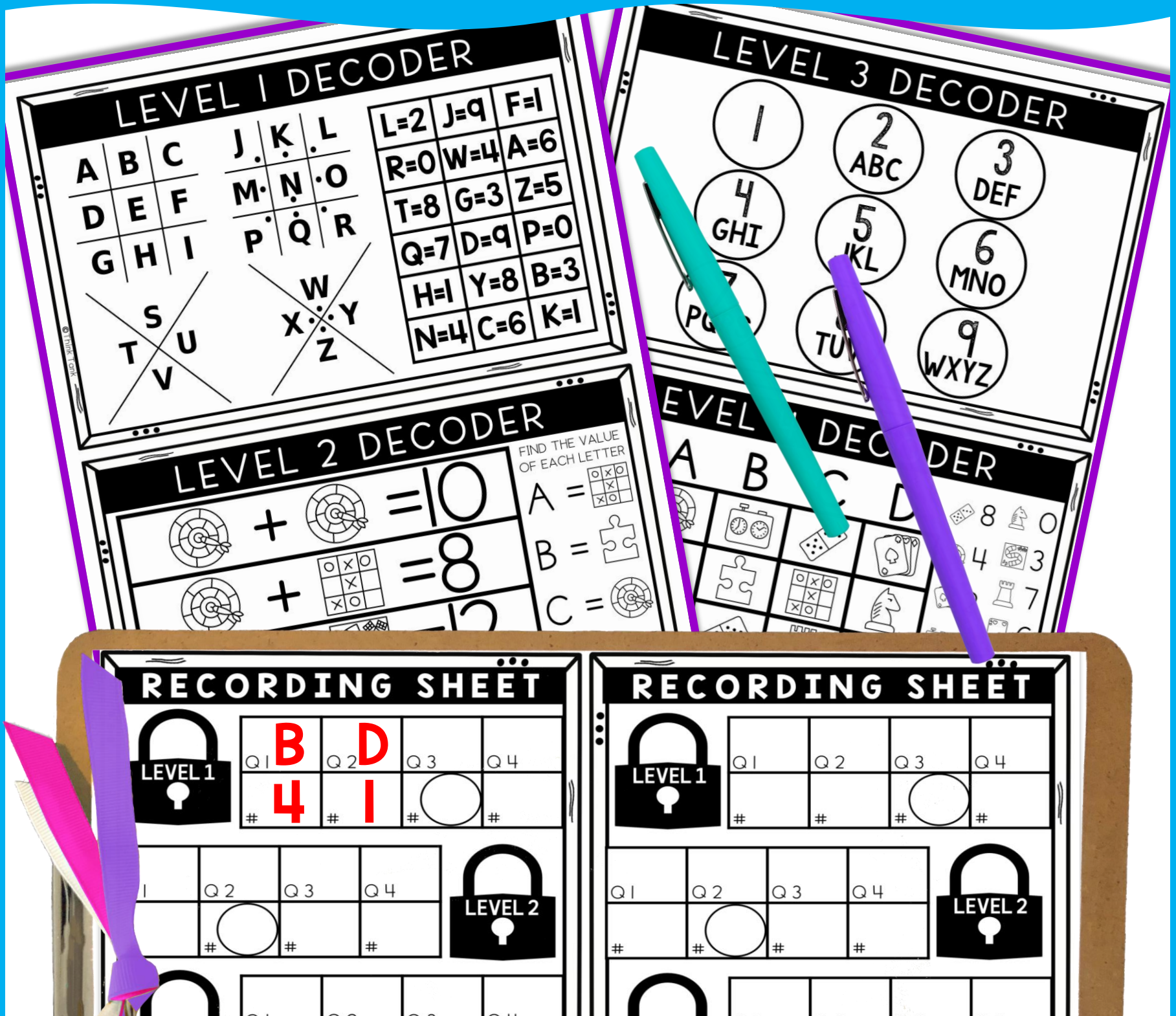
LEVEL 1 DECODER
B C J K L
E F M N O
H I P Q R
U X Y
Z

LEVEL 2
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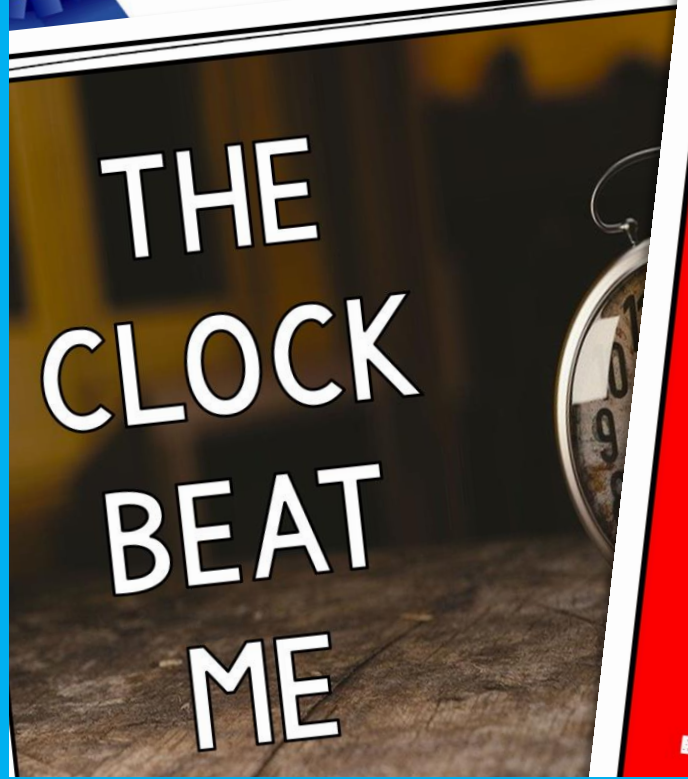
LEVEL 3 DECODER
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
WXYZ

LEVEL 4 DECODER
A B C D
Q1 [Grid with symbols]


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.

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The United States Congress makes up the Legislative branch of government along with the Executive and Judicial branch. This means that it is made up of two houses, or chambers, known as the House of Representatives and the Senate. These two groups work together to make laws for the United States.

The two houses of Congress represent the people of the United States. The House is made up of 2 representatives per state elected to stand for 2 years. The Senate has had 100 members since the most recent state joined the Union.

LEVEL 1 DECODER

A	B	C	J	K	L	L=2	J=9	F
D	E	F	M	N	O	R=0	W=4	A=
G	H	I	P	Q	R	T=8	G=3	Z=
T	S	U	X	W	Y	Q=7	D=q	P=0
						H=1	Y=8	B=3
						N=4	C=6	K=1

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 1

Which branch of government is Congress part of?

Financial

Judicial

Executive

Legislative

LEVEL 1: Q

Congress is part of the _____ branch of the _____ of Representatives.

Confederates

Senate

LEVEL 1: QUESTION 3

People can become citizens through _____ laws.

Unexpressed




LEVEL 1: QU




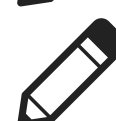
How many men are elected up the House of Representatives?

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

