

10 Reasons Why Classroom Escapes Lock in Learning and Life Skills

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A team building activity that fosters collaboration skills



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Students are motivated to connect with what they are learning



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Communication skills are strengthened



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A don't give up, try, try again mindset is developed



Movement enhances learning and increases retention

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Cultivates critical thinking and problem solving skills



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Requires logical thinking and deductive reasoning



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Student driven acquisition of knowledge is empowering



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Students learn time management and to focus under pressure!



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It's an exciting way to teach any subject and the kids love it!



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Escape ARTist

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*Learn the Keys to
Creating Effective
Educational Escapes*



The Escape ARTist



Supplies

- 3 to 5 boxes in a variety of sizes
- Locks- 3-digit, 4-digit, key, letter, color, and directional
- Hasp locks
- Black light pens
- UV flashlights
- Cool extras-Fake books or containers, cipher lock



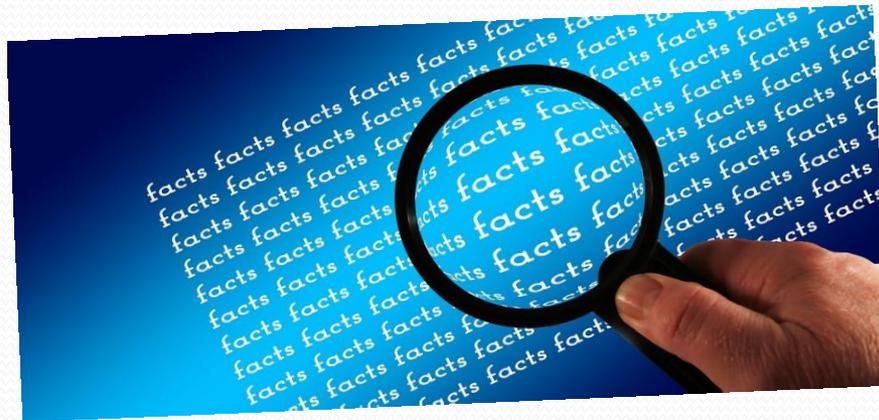
Choose your Purpose

- Team Building
- Introducing subject area material
- Subject area practice
- Subject area review

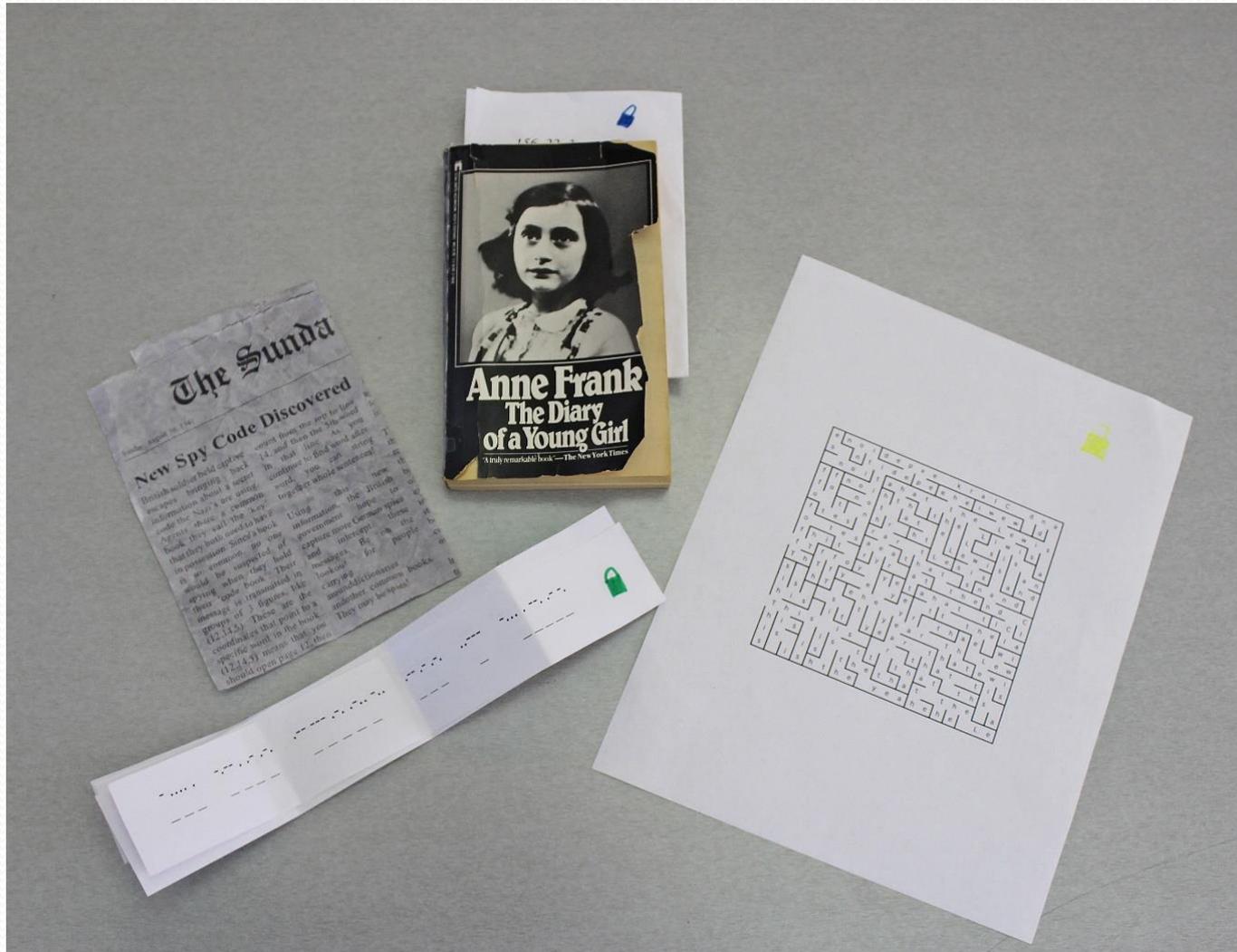


Work Backwards

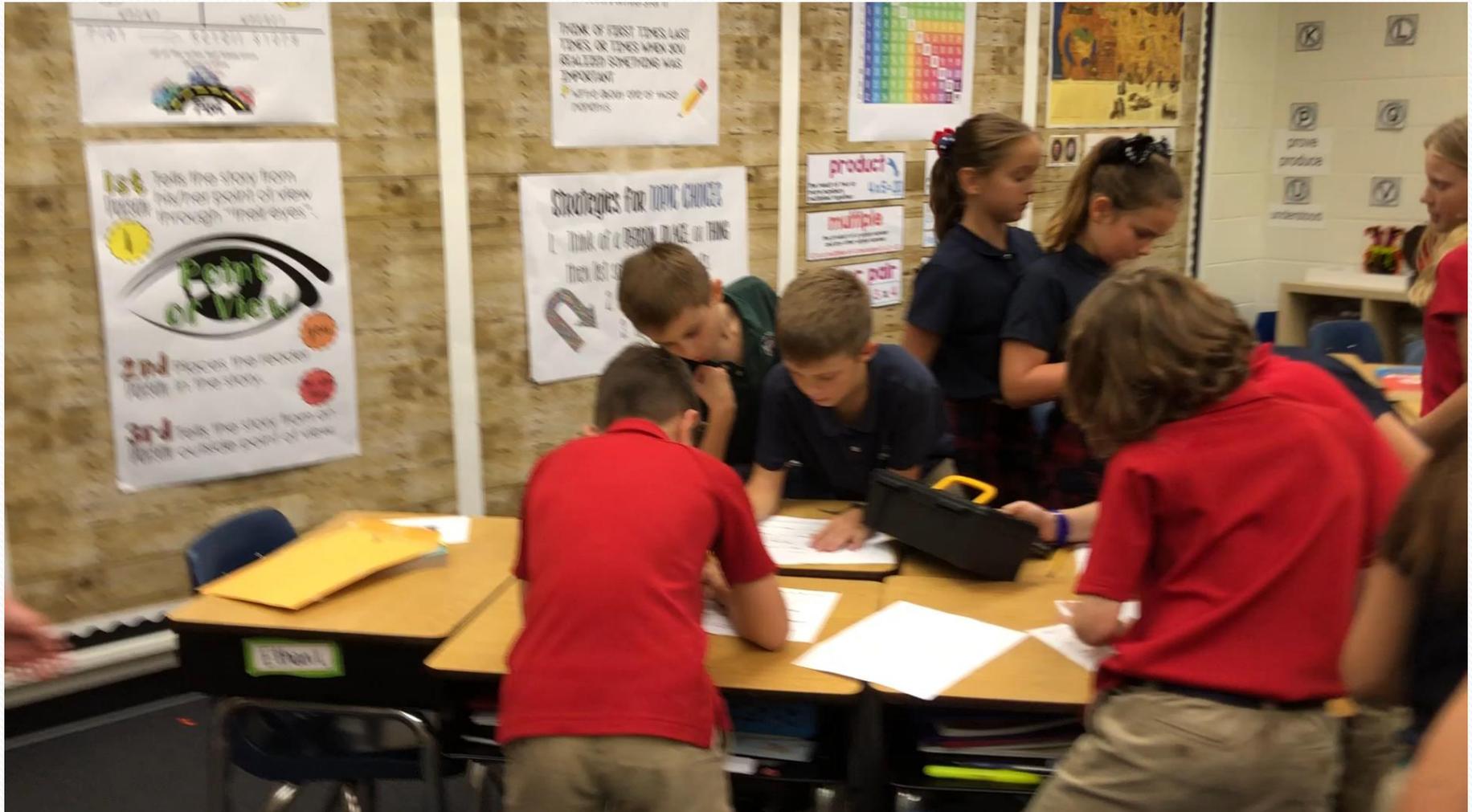
- Start with what you want your students to learn, practice, or review and compile a list of all of the facts if needed.



Create Clues and Puzzles









Yes, Everyone!

Peace Treaty

President _____ purchased the _____ territory from _____
for \$_____ dollars. _____ men were chosen for _____.

We are here to learn more about the _____, _____, _____, and _____
as well as find a _____ route to the Shining Sea also known as the _____ Ocean.

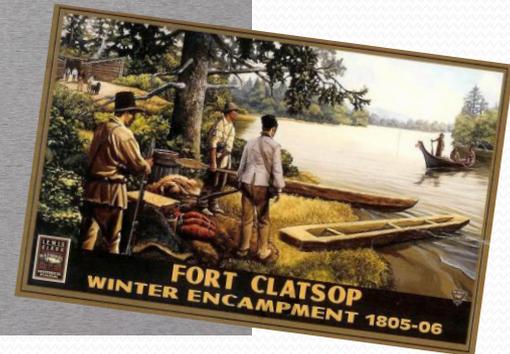
We have brought you _____, _____, _____, and _____.

We are joined by a trader named Toussaint Charbonneau and his wife _____ who is
a _____ Indian. We want you to live in peace with other tribes and trade only with
the _____.

Meriwether Lewis

William Clark

Make meaningful props



Create an introduction and set the tone



- Generate excitement and/or a sense of urgency with your introduction
- Create an authentic atmosphere with background music, news broadcasts, nature sounds, etc..

Create the Outline

- ❖ Set the stage- where is everything located in the room
- ❖ Description of the contents of each box
- ❖ List each clue, the answer, and the lock associated with the clue



Set Students up for Success

Expose students to different puzzles

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_____ e _____ e _____

_____ c _____ c _____ e c _____

Each Native American symbol represents a letter in the alphabet. You must figure out which symbol represents each letter to decode the clue.



Practice unlocking locks

Set up your Expectations

- Work together
- No yelling
- Share the items found
- Participation grade



Follow Up

Lewis and Clark Escape Room

I escaped knowing...

President _____ bought the _____

territory from _____ for _____ dollars.

_____ and _____ were the

captains of a group of _____ men with special skills such as

_____, _____, and _____. This

group of men was called the _____ and

were chosen to explore the Louisiana Purchase to learn more about the

_____, _____, _____, and _____.

They were also looking for a _____ route to the

_____. They met a _____ Indian woman

named _____ who helped guide them and communicate

with other Indian tribes. her husband was a trader named

_____.

Ms. McGrath's World War II Escape Room

I escaped knowing...

Axis	concentration camps	genocide	Hitler	Roosevelt
dictator	Allies	rationing	fascism	

1. A leader with complete control is a _____.

2. _____ is a political idea in which is given to a dictator and the freedoms of individuals are taken away.

3. Limiting what civilians could buy was called _____.

4. _____ is a planned attempt to kill an entire people.

5. _____ are large prisons where millions of innocent people were held or killed.

6. _____ was the dictator of Germany who was responsible for the Holocaust.

7. Germany, Italy, and Japan were known as the _____ powers.

8. The _____ included the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union.

9. _____ led the United States through World War II.

10. Review: Area = _____



Some Great Ideas

- Use QR codes to link to videos
- White crayon and water color paint for secret messages
- Unscramble Scrabble tiles for word lock

Clue and Puzzle Sites

Code and secret message makers

<https://www.theproblemsite.com/reference/mathematics/codes/>

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/freepuzzlemaker/?CFID=9603291&CFTOKEN=a2119ca1e243d47-DAB72DD6-DC47-A3A4-2BA25B83E4C78206>

<http://www.treasure.run/>

<https://www.edu-games.org/word-games/word-wheel/word-wheel.php>

<https://busyteacher.org/doublepuzzle/>

<http://texthex.com/index2.php>

<http://www.theteachersroom.net/secretmessage/secretmessage.html>

Clue and Puzzle Sites

Wheel of Fortune clue creator

<http://atom.smasher.org/wof/>

A message in points

<https://www.worksheetworks.com/math/geometry/graphing/message-from-points.html>

Word maze

<https://www.festisite.com/text-layout/maze/>

Substitution cipher

<http://rumkin.com/tools/cipher/substitution.php>

Morse Code Translator

<https://cryptii.com/morse-code-translator>

8 printable secret codes

<https://www.simonemadeit.com/templates/spy-party-games-8-printable-secret-codes/>

Generate fake maps, documents, and pictures

Fake map-generators

<https://historicalmapchart.net/>

<http://rollforfantasy.com/#tools> - Generates blueprints, town, etc....

<http://googlemapsmania.blogspot.com/2017/11/fantasy-map-generators.html>

<https://elearningindustry.com/the-5-best-free-map-creation-tools-for-teachers>

Fake identifications, bills, receipts and invoices

<http://templatelab.com/birth-certificate-templates/>

<http://www.idfakes.com/>

<https://www.free-invoice-generator.com/>

Generate fake maps, documents, and pictures

Fake identifications, bills, receipts and invoices continued

<https://expressexpense.com/>

http://www.fakereceipt.us/sales_receipt.php

<https://fakeutilities.com/utility-bills/USA-utility-bills>

<https://formswift.com/>

Fake movie posters, magazine covers and newspapers

<https://bighugelabs.com/poster.php>

<https://bighugelabs.com/magazine.php>

<http://www.inmagazines.com/create>

<https://www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/newspaper-generator.html>

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<https://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>

<https://newspaper.jaguarpaw.co.uk/>

<https://tinyppt.com/old-newspaper-template-word.html>

Fake News and Videos

<https://rocketium.com/is/video-template-for/news-and-media-breaking-news/>

<https://breakyourownnews.com/>

Miscellaneous

Fake tombstone maker- <http://tombgen.appspot.com/>

<http://www.tombstonebuilder.com/>

Generate fake maps, documents, and pictures

Fake photos and special effects-

https://photofunia.com/categories/all_effects/popular

<http://www.imagechef.com/>

<https://bighugelabs.com/>

Create an eye chart- <http://www.eyechartmaker.com/index.php>

Fake text messages- <http://ifaketext.com/>

Einstein pic with your text- <http://www.hetemeel.com/einsteinform.php>