



CLASSROOM GUIDE

Build reading comprehension skills as you bring the excitement of The 39 Clues into your classroom!

- ✓ **WRITING**
- ✓ **CREATIVE
EXPRESSION**
- ✓ **CRITICAL
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- ✓ **DEDUCTIVE
REASONING**
- ✓ **NUMBER
SENSE**
- ✓ **HISTORICAL
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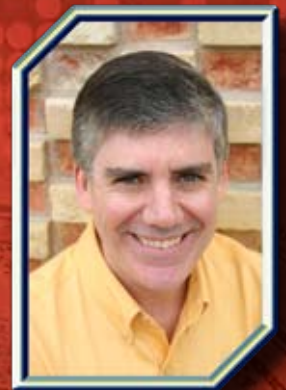
The 39 Clues is a reading adventure that connects with students through books, cards, and an online game. In the process, students will visit every continent and travel through 500 years of history!

How The Story Begins...

Minutes before she dies, Grace Cahill changes her will. Her descendants have to choose. They can either receive a million dollars and walk away. Or they can receive a clue—the first of 39 clues hidden around the world that will reveal the secret of the family's power.

Now the race is on. Young Amy and Dan must outwit other teams of relatives in the hunt for the clues—while sharp-eyed readers follow along!

Rick Riordan, author of the popular Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, and a teacher for fifteen years, wrote the first 39 Clues book, *The Maze of Bones*, and outlined the whole series. He makes learning fun and exciting!



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WORKSHEET A

NAME: _____

CRACK THE CODE

Benjamin Franklin wrote and printed the first *Poor Richard's Almanack* in 1732. People loved the book because of its useful weather predictions, information, puzzles, and clever sayings. Crack the code to reveal some of the sayings people still use today! Could he have been sending messages to his fellow Lucians?

Reverse the Alphabet

In this code, each letter in the code stands for a different letter.

A stands for Z, B stands for Y...

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

Zm zkkov z wzb pvvkh gsv wlxgli zdzb.

ANSWER: _____

Numbers for Letters

In this code, each number stands for a different letter.

1 stands for A, 2 stands for B...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

12-15-19-20 20-9-13-5 9-19 14-5-22-5-18 6-15-21-14-4

ANSWER: _____

Now that you've mastered decoding, make up your own code for the following saying and have a friend try to decode it:

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

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

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Answer A: An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
Answer B: Lost time is never found.

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WORKSHEET B

NAME: _____

FRANKLIN MAGIC SQUARE

Did you know that Ben Franklin invented Sudoku? Well, he didn't really—but a couple of hundred years ago he did create fun number puzzles. See if you can figure out this Franklin Magic Square.

Insert the correct number in each empty box so that every row and column adds up to 260.

52	61	4	13		29	36	45
14	3		51	46	35	30	19
53	60	5	12	21	28	37	
11		59	54	43	38	27	22
55	58		10	23	26	39	42
9	8	57	56	41		25	24
50	63	2	15		31	34	47
16	1	64	49	48	33		17

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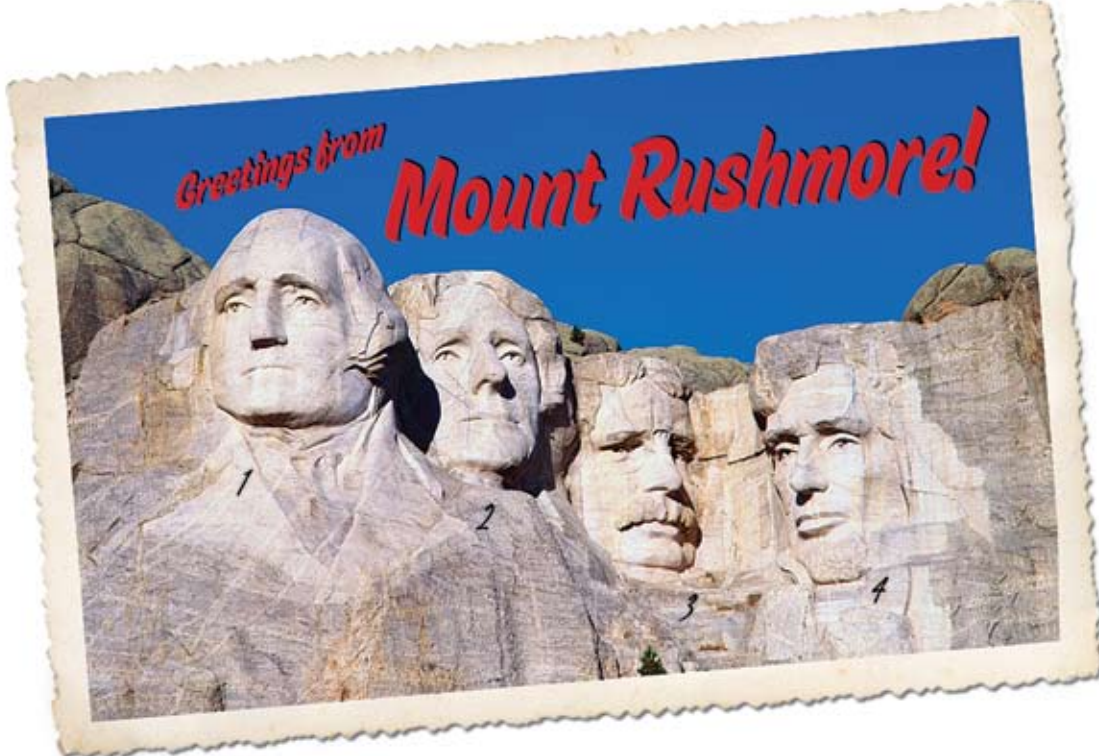
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WORKSHEET C

NAME: _____



DEAR HOPE,

TODAY I WENT TO SEE MOUNT RUSHMORE, A MONUMENT TO FOUR CAHILL PRESIDENTS! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH PRESIDENT BELONGED TO WHICH BRANCH. HERE ARE SOME HINTS:

1. THE TOMAS AND EKATARINA PRESIDENTS ARE ON THE ENDS.
2. JEFFERSON IS TWO SPOTS TO THE LEFT OF LINCOLN.
3. THE LUCIAN PRESIDENT IS TO THE RIGHT OF JEFFERSON.
4. WASHINGTON IS IN THE FIRST SPOT.
5. THE JANUS PRESIDENT IS NEXT TO ROOSEVELT.
6. LINCOLN WAS NOT A TOMAS.

LOVE, **MOM**

P.S. USE THIS CHART IF YOU GET STUCK!

Put a check mark in the four correct boxes.

	EKATARINA	JANUS	LUCIAN	TOMAS
JEFFERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LINCOLN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROOSEVELT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WASHINGTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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