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INTRODUCTION

The Brain Teaser series provides ways to exercise and develop brain power! Each page stands alone and can be used as a quick and easy filler activity. The pages can be distributed to students as individual worksheets or made into transparencies for presentation to the entire class at once. The activities are especially useful in helping students develop the following:

- Logic and other critical thinking skills
- Creative thinking skills
- Research skills
- Spelling skills
- General vocabulary and knowledge

This book of *20th Century Brain Teasers* can be used in conjunction with TCM 2100, *The 20th Century*, or answers can be found in any current encyclopedia or reference book like *Chronicle of the 20th Century* (DK, 1995). Some of the puzzles include a word bank for students who may need assistance completing the page. You may block out or fold under the word banks before duplicating to make the puzzles more difficult.

These materials can be used with a United States social studies curriculum to introduce and reinforce knowledge. Current, accurate data has been used in this book as much as possible.

We hope you and your students will have great fun learning more about the people and events of the twentieth century in the United States.

PRODUCT SLOGANS

Many of the products introduced in the 1920s are still popular today. Match these slogans to the products they might have advertised. Use the pictures as clues for some of the products.

1. It's faster than buttons, and it won't fall off!

2. For a clean, fresh taste, try this chewing sensation.

3. This will protect your small cuts from dirt and germs.

4. These new, disposable handkerchiefs are convenient and inexpensive.

5. This product will stick to paper instantly, no more waiting for messy glue.

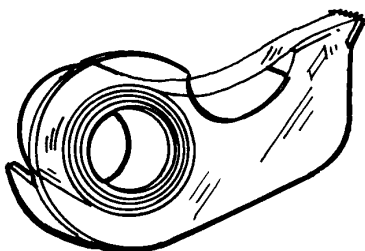
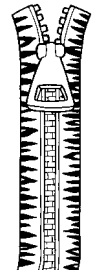
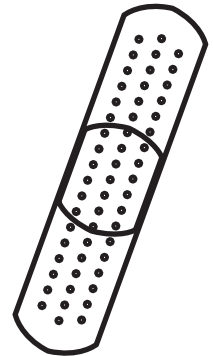
6. Try America's newest way to eat spuds!

7. Fresher than canned foods—they go right from the freezer into your recipes.

8. Imagine yourself in a new, curly "do."

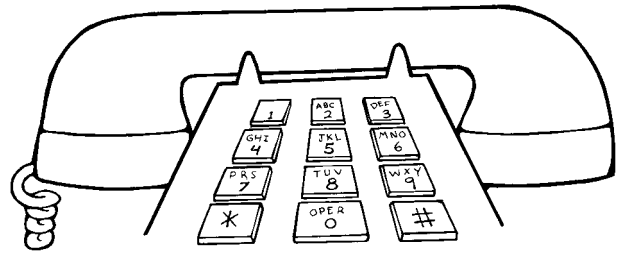
9. Try this new chocolate-covered ice cream on a stick.

10. This tasty fruit spread is perfect on your morning toast.



CREATIONS OF THE THIRTIES

Use the telephone diagram to help crack the code. Find each number on the telephone and use the dot to indicate the position of the letter which appears above it. See example. A= $\cdot 2$, B= $\overset{\cdot}{2}$, C= $2 \cdot$ (for the two letters not on the telephone, Z=0 and Q=1)



$\cdot 8$ $6 \cdot$ $9 \cdot$ $7 \cdot$ $\cdot 2$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ $\cdot 3$ $\cdot 4$ $\cdot 2$ $\cdot 6$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $7 \cdot$

toys and games

1. $\cdot 6$ $6 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ $6 \cdot$ $\cdot 7$ $6 \cdot$ $5 \cdot$ $9 \cdot$ _____

2. $9 \cdot$ $6 \cdot$ $9 \cdot$ $6 \cdot$ _____

3. $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $6 \cdot$ $5 \cdot$ $5 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $7 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{5}$ $\cdot 2$ $\cdot 8$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $7 \cdot$

4. $\cdot 5$ $\overset{\cdot}{8}$ $\cdot 6$ $\cdot 7$ $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $6 \cdot$ $\cdot 7$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ _____

5. $3 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $6 \cdot$ 0 $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ $3 \cdot$ $6 \cdot$ $6 \cdot$ $\cdot 3$

6. $7 \cdot$ $\cdot 7$ $\cdot 2$ $\cdot 6$ _____

7. $\cdot 9$ $6 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ $\cdot 3$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $\overset{\cdot}{2}$ $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $\cdot 2$ $\cdot 3$

8. $7 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ $6 \cdot$ $\cdot 9$ $\cdot 9$ $\overset{\cdot}{4}$ $4 \cdot$ $\cdot 8$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $\cdot 2$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ $\cdot 3$ $\cdot 8$ $\overset{\cdot}{4}$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$
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9. $\cdot 8$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $5 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $8 \cdot$ $4 \cdot$ $7 \cdot$ $4 \cdot$ $6 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ _____

10. $7 \cdot$ $\overset{\cdot}{8}$ $\cdot 7$ $\overset{\cdot}{3}$ $\overset{\cdot}{7}$ $\cdot 6$ $\cdot 2$ $\overset{\cdot}{6}$ _____