

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

Central Idea Magic

Wizarding Escape Room

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Challenges

Challenge 1: Answer questions about the Central Idea to discover the Spell Book.

Challenge 2: Answer questions about the Central Idea to uncover the magic wand.

Challenge 3: Answer questions about the Central Idea to concoct a potion.

Challenge 4: Answer questions about the Central Idea to defeat the evil sorcerer, Alwina.

Step into a world of wizardry

Students won't realize they are practicing Central Idea skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.

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4 Reading Challenges

- Challenges focused on Reading Comprehension
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 2 nonfiction passages & 2 fiction passages
- Multiple choice questions
- Passages in 6th-8th Grade Text Complexity band (925L-1185L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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1 Magic Man

Pick a card, any card. Memorize it and put it back in the deck. Shuffle, and you'll be able to find your card amongst the other cards. Magicians who can do this are called card magicians. They are entertained by their shenanigans.

One such amazing and entertaining magician with copious amounts of talent is an American magician, illusionist, and endurance artist who has dazzled audiences for decades. Born on April 4, 1973, Blaine was raised by his single mother. Curiosity about magic was sparked in him at the young age of 4 as he was performing in the subway. He knew then that magic would be a part of his life. His interest in acting. This prompted him to attend the Neighborhood Playhouse. His study of acting led to appearances in commercials and soap operas.

David Blaine got his start as a magician by performing tricks and illusions for people on the streets of New York. He simply approached pedestrians around the busy city and involved them in one of his close-up magic tricks. Over time, his impromptu performances grew in popularity, causing Blaine to become a recognized name in the magic industry. These street performances led to bookings for more formal magic events, such as private parties hosted by celebrities and U.S. presidents.



Challenge 1

- Read each passage.
- Answer the questions.
- Enter your answers into the decoder to find the location of the Spells & Potions Book.
- Collect the spell book to use on your next challenge.

Find The Spell Book

Enter your answers in Merlin's Decoder to see if you've located the Book of Spells.



DO NOT go to the next page until you've answered the question on your brochure!

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1. Who is David Blaine?
 - a. He is a United States president.
 - b. He is a television producer.
 - c. He is a scientist.
 - d. He is an American magician.
2. What is the central idea of Paragraph 3?
 - a. David Blaine studied magic at school.
 - b. David Blaine began his career in magic on stage.
 - c. David Blaine's fame started on the streets of New York.
 - d. David Blaine's television break grew his popularity.
3. How does the author support the idea that David Blaine has set and broken records?
 - a. The author includes statistics about David Blaine's success rate.
 - b. The author provides specific examples of the endurance stunts Blaine has performed.
 - c. The author provides reasons why audiences are entertained by David Blaine.
 - d. The author gives the names of David Blaine's television specials.
4. What do readers learn about David Blaine from the central idea of Paragraph 6?
 - a. He cares about people.
 - b. He only performs for money.
 - c. He is afraid of earthquakes.
 - d. He uses science in his magic acts.
5. Which sentence provides the best summary of the text?
 - a. David Blaine uses his magic for charitable purposes.
 - b. David Blaine is a famous magician who has been entertaining audiences for decades.
 - c. David Blaine has more magical events planned for future audiences.
 - d. David Blaine can hold his breath for 17 minutes.

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- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep students engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

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Ancient Magic

The concept of magic is a part of the fabric of our history. Practitioners have been using symbolic words, images, objects, and rituals to control supernatural powers and alter reality since ancient times. These attempts to accomplish feats beyond human abilities had several purposes. Protection, healing, cursing, foretelling future events, and rituals for the afterlife were all common uses of magic across the globe.

Ancient Egyptian civilization believed deeply in magical protection. Practitioners made amulets and talismans. These were worn and carried in order to safeguard themselves against harm and evil. Symbols such as the Eye



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