



A Secret Code

George Washington knew about secret codes and ciphers. In the American Revolution, he had a code made up for the people who sent him information from behind enemy lines. If the British captured a letter sent by one of these people, the letter would make no sense. The information and the name of the person who wrote the letter would remain a secret! Only the officers who worked with Washington knew how to figure out what was in the message.

The code below is like one used at the time of the Revolution. If you figure it out, you will know the name of three American victories in the war.

To decode the message, add or subtract the numbers in each box. The answer you get stands for the letter that appears in that box. Now try to figure out what is written below. The letter "S" is already decoded.

S 24 <u>+ 17</u> 41	H 39 <u>- 8</u>	D 30 <u>+ 29</u>	I 9 <u>+ 9</u>	L 52 <u>- 12</u>
M 22 <u>+ 38</u>	C 26 <u>+ 19</u>	K 62 <u>- 33</u>	R 14 <u>+ 23</u>	E 45 <u>- 1</u>
W 68 <u>- 21</u>	O 22 <u>+ 17</u>	N 38 <u>+ 17</u>	B 83 <u>- 25</u>	Y 27 <u>+ 37</u>
T 12 <u>+ 15</u>	F 26 <u>+ 36</u>	U 42 <u>- 12</u>	P 61 <u>- 18</u>	A 14 <u>+ 19</u>

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