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GEORGE WASHINGTON, SPYMASTER

Benjamin Tallmadge, General Washington's chief intelligence officer, invented a secret code so that their letters could not be read by British spies. Look at THE CODE SHEET to decipher these messages.

Example #1:

VBI	NER	CU	MQUV.
<i>The</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>lost.</i>

Example #2:

AIP	YEUBCPAVQP	euuuu	FLVCUB	UQMHCILU	YCMM
<i>Gen</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>British</i>	<i>soldiers</i>	<i>will</i>

EVVEGO	EV	HEYP
<i>attack</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>dawn.</i>

Decipher this code:

GV	CU	UEJI	FWV	PS	CU	WPHIL	UVIEHS	EVVEGO
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Decipher this code:

eku	NIP	JLQN	YCPHUQL	YCMM	BIMR	HIJIPH	FQUVQP
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MESSAGE DRAFT

Write a one-sentence message to General Washington telling him something important that a spy would have written during the American Revolution. Think about troop levels, distances, ammunition, and times that could be critical.

Now put the message into code using the **THE CODE SHEET**.

Once you have translated your message, copy your final **coded message** on the beige paper. Fold the message closed and seal it with a sticker. Make sure to write your name on the outside of the message.

THE CODE SHEET

Benjamin Tallmadge's secret code included a translation using letters and numbers. Below are his coded and decoded letters and numbers. Take notice of the use of upper and lower case letters. The coded letters are highlighted.

Use this column to decipher messages.

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

Use this column to code secret messages.

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

Coded Number	Decoded Number
e	1
f	2
g	3
i	4
k	5
m	6
n	7
o	8
p	9
u	0