

Nihilist Cipher Decoding Worksheet

This worksheet will help you decode a message encrypted using the Nihilist Cipher. Key: BELIEF

Steps: 1. Create a Polybius square using the alphabet A-Z (I and J combined). 2. Convert the key into numbers using the Polybius square. 3. Split the ciphered message into number pairs (e.g. 23 14 32...) and subtract the corresponding key numbers. 4. Convert the resulting numbers back into letters using the Polybius square. Use the grid below to build your Polybius square and space for decoding.

	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Use the grid below to decode the message:

[illegible]

[illegible]