

BIOGRAPHIES QUIZ GAME

Description:

Students will play a quiz game like Jeopardy. It can be done in school or at home.

Recommended Grades:

- 2-5

Materials/Resources:

- Set of 3 Biographies Quiz Handouts
- Pencils
- Winner's Certificate

Objectives:

Students will:

- Take turns answering questions,
- Answer questions about famous people, and
- Add whole numbers using the tens place.



Classroom Use:

Review the quiz game activity in general with students. Ask how many have heard of the game show, Jeopardy. Ask how many have watched the show. Tell them that this quiz game is similar. Note the game can be shortened by eliminating the last one or two rows of questions.

Teacher Directions:

If this is the first time playing this game in class, walk through an example from the Biographies Quiz Game. Put an X in the box used for the example on the points sheet. Students should do the same:

1. Pass out the Biographies Quiz Game Points sheet.
2. Explain that questions will be in 5 categories: Actors & Entertainers, Explorers, Scientists, Presidents, and Athletes. Be sure to define terms students don't know and give an example. For instance, a scientist studies nature using special methods—*Einstein carried out experiments.*
3. Explain there are 5 questions in each category; the more points a question has, the harder it is.
4. Locate the questions and answers sheets to use to run the game.
5. Start the game yourself, ask the class to vote, or select a student at random. Choose the category and question (e.g., Scientists for 20). Read the question out loud.
6. Everyone who wants to answer the question should raise their hand. Pick a student to answer the question. Read the question out loud again.
7. If the student answers correctly, ask them to write down the number of points. Also, record the student's name in your points sheet box with a plus (correct) or minus (incorrect).
8. If the student answers incorrectly, ask for another volunteer until the question is answered or no one knows the answer. If no one knows, give the answer, and explain it.

9. Ask students to put an X through the box on the points sheet (i.e., the box for Scientists and 20).
10. Repeat the process and rotate among the students to ensure everyone gets a chance to answer a question.
11. Keep playing until all questions in the 5 categories have been attempted.
12. Ask students to total up the number of points they earned. Verify the totals from your own tally.
13. Announce and record the winner for this edition of the quiz game. Ask everyone to clap for this student. Make a certificate and present it. This student will start off the next quiz game.



Extension Activities:

Learn more about the 5 categories by going to the Biographies category [Pebble Go](#) or [Pebble Go Next](#)

BIOGRAPHIES QUIZ GAME—POINTS



Actors & Entertainers	Exporsers	Scientists	Presidents	Athletes
10	10	10	10	10
20	20	20	20	20
30	30	30	30	30
40	40	40	40	40
50	50	50	50	50

BIOGRAPHIES QUIZ GAME—QUESTIONS



Actors & Entertainers	Exporsers	Scientists	Presidents	Athletes
Who was the star of Destiny's Child?	Who's known for planting apple trees?	Who was the 1st person to win 2 Nobel Prizes?	Whose sloga was "Make America Great Again?"	Which sisters won tennis Olymic gold?
Who played Selena in a 1997 movie?	Who is the woman who helped Lewis and Clark?	Who is famous for studying chimpanzees?	Who was the 1st Black president?	Who scored the most points in NBA history?
Who is famous for the musical, <i>Hamilton</i> ?	Who explored the universe on a NOVA TV series?	Who was the 1st programmer?	Who is the oldest president?	Who won the most world medals in gymnastics?
Who suffers from lupus but still sings and acts?	Who was the 1st Black woman is space?	Who led the team to create Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine?	Who was elected 4 times?	Who was the 1st Black American to join the Baseball Hall of Fame?
Who was the "Great Communicator"?	Who went with Perry to the North Pole?	Whose work led to satellite GPS?	Who served 2 non-consecutive terms?	Who won 3 gold medals for track despite having polio as a child?

BIOGRAPHIES QUIZ GAME—ANSWERS



Actors & Entertainers	Exporsers	Scientists	Presidents	Athletes
Beyonce	Johnny Appleseed	Marie Curie	Donald Trump	Venus & Serena Williams
Jennifer Lopez	Sacagawea	Jane Goodall	Barack Obama	LeBron James
Lin-Manuel Miranda	Neil deGrasse Tyson	Ada Lovelace	Joseph Biden	Simone Biles
Selena Gomez	Mae Jemison	Kizzmekia Corbett	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Jackie Robinson
Ronald Reagan	Matthew Henson	Gladys Mae West	Grover Cleveland	Wilma Rudolph