

Civics Print Game

Teachers have six (6) optional choices on each 80-point question; four (4) optional choices on each 40-point question; three (3) optional choices on each 20-point question and BONUS; and two (2) optional choices on each 10-point question.

It's up to you as the teacher to use the choices or to not use them at all. The NewzBrain Game philosophy is to "Never, Ever" Stump the Students and allow apathy and boredom to set in.

The NewzBrain Game is "**NO Preparation**" at the teacher's finger tips at all times to cut instructional cost. All NewzBrain Game questions are multiple choice to allow educated guessing.

Implementation Ideas: Bell ringer or end-of-the-week Friday fun team activity.

- Bell Ringer Suggestions: Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Advisory, GT and or Family Consumer Science can implement the game at the beginning of class or if needing a closure activity.
- The NewzBrain Game is most used as a Friday Fun, enrichment or reward activity. Divide the class into teams and tell students the purpose is behavioral outcomes as well as interesting, lifelong learning education. Teams are 4-6 students per group and each team selects a Captain. Round 1: The Captain's role is to ask for the team's first question. When that team chooses their next question, move clockwise so each student in the group can pick a favorite category. The Captain's other role is to orally give the answer to the teacher since the Captain is the team spokesperson for the game. The game begins with the Captain of Team 1 asking for a category and point total question. Allow a reasonable amount of time to answer. If the answer is wrong, Team 2 can steal the points if their Captain gives the correct answer. If Team 2 is wrong, it then goes to Team 3 to steal the points. The next question of the game is asked by the Captain of Team 2. When Team 3 has asked for and answers have been given for their question, Round 1 is over. Next Rounds: The student sitting clockwise to the Team 2 Captain asks for a new question. The score should be announced after each regulation round. This continues in the same manner until only 10-15 minutes of time remain. Bonus Round Play: 10-15 minutes before time is up, and after Team 3 has asked for its question that ends the round, begin the Bonus Round. The team behind gets first choice of Bonus category. The team in second place must choose a different category, then the leading team gets to choose a new category. Another way to play the Bonus Round is to have the team behind pick the bonus category for the team ahead. The Bonus questions are worth 200 points each or any value that you choose! All other students should be quiet as teams get their questions. Bonus questions are read one after the other. There is no stealing of points in the Bonus round. Note: This is quite different than TV Jeopardy because the team that answers correctly does not always get the next question.

Student Moderator: It is a great honor for any student who gets to be the moderator of the NewzBrain Game, and at the same time it gives the teacher a well-needed breather to just sit and watch the class learn and have fun.

The best part is the game is highly educational, dealing with current issues and sometimes historical issues, not just senseless trivia.

Additional idea for a daily bell ringer: The NewzBrain Game Lottery- "Question of the Day playing for a fun prize (example: lollies). Each student is in a lottery with an assigned number. * The teacher or student picks a number. (Option: A student can be picked just once a week). * The question used can be from the Teacher's copy of the Civics Print Game, previously marked to use that week. Option is to have a second random drawing by the teacher for the Category of Question that winning students gets. The teacher can also allow the lottery winner to pick their own favorite category, * The winning student gets 15-seconds to answer a current event question from the Game. Teachers have the option to add fun elements depending on the time allowed. The teacher can add fun things like "Phone a Parent" or "Ask a Friend." * Most Bell Ringer activities are limited to 5-10 minutes, but creative teachers make many variations of the lottery.

Note: Additional fun NewzBrain Game variation team rules are found on the web site. NewzBrain Wash, Pigskin NewzBrain, Slam Dunk NewzBrain and Vegas NewzBrain.

National News		
10	How many national holidays are there in May? 1, 2	1
10	Next Monday is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is celebrated on the _____ Monday in May. 3rd, last	last
20	Why is Memorial Day sometimes confused with Veterans Day? both are 3-day weekends, both fall on Mondays, Veterans Day honors all who served while Memorial Day honors those who died while serving	Memorial Day honors who died while serving
20	In July, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will unveil new postage stamps commemorating what fictional character? Barbie, Ronald McDonald, Superman	Barbie
40	During last week's visit in China, President Trump focused on several issues, but what main one? opening the Strait of Hormuz, AI, protection of free Taiwan, tariffs & trade	tariffs & trade
40	Civil Rights History Question: Last Sunday in 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Brown v. Board of Education that segregation of what places "solely on the basis of race" denies black children "equal educational opportunity?" city parks, hospitals, public schools, youth sports	public schools
80	Last Saturday was "Armed Forces Day." Celebrated since 1950, this day salutes the men and women in all branches of military who protect you and our country. Today, how many branches and seals of the armed forces are there? 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	6 (AF, Army, Coast G, Navy, Marines, Space)
80	Civics Question: How many total amendments does the U.S. Constitution have? 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29	27
B	Last week, President Trump returned from his trip to China and announced that what American workers will be very happy with a trade deal made? auto workers, educators, farmers	farmers
B	American History Question: Next Monday is Memorial Day. In what U.S. war did the most Americans die? Civil War, Vietnam War, World War II	Civil War (620 K, WWII 405)

World News		
10	The U.S. government will continue its plan to place a 25% tariff on European nations. What could the European nations have done to avoid this tariff? helped the U.S. in the Iranian War, sent British King Charles to visit America	helped the U.S. in the Iranian War
10	Last week, the President Trump and communist China's supreme leader Xi Jinping meeting in Beijing included talks about the island nation of Taiwan. What is the fear? Chinese takeover of Taiwan, Taiwanese trade	Chinese takeover of Taiwan
20	As we enter the summer of 2026, the U.S. is at war with what nation? China, Iran, Russia	Iran
20	Last week, what Middle East "K" nation announced it arrested four "infiltrators" linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps who intended to further close the Strait of Hormuz by hostile acts? Kiribati, Kuwait, South Korea	Kuwait
40	In last week's high-profile meeting between President Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping, what nation was heavily discussed? Iran, Iraq, Russia, Ukraine	Iran
40	World Medical history: Last week in 1796, the smallpox vaccine was developed by Brit Dr. Edward Jenner when he injected what into a healthy person resulting in immunity? animal blood, animal cells, soap, the disease	the disease
80	Myanmar (formally Burma in southeast Asia) has been the scene of horrible political violence over the last several months. What is the largest city in Myanmar? Bago, Kalay, Malay, Saigon, Yangon, Lago	Yangon
80	This Monday is Victoria Day in Canada, a Canadian holiday remembering the 1800's British Queen Victoria's birthday. What is the capital of Canada? Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, St. John's, Toronto, Victoria	Ottawa
B	As we enter the summer of 2026, America is at war with Iran. Many political scientists predict the war will end when what happens? American capitulation, America shows its war power in a final battle, Iranian capitulation	America shows its war power in a final battle
B	World Geography Question: What is the largest island nation in the Caribbean Sea? Antigua, Cuba, Dominican Republic	Cuba

People, Places & Things		
10	What is the name of next week's annual national Spelling Bee? Scribes, Scripps	Scripps
10	Aviation History Question: This Wednesday in 1932, what female aviator became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic? (note: five years later, she disappeared flying around the equator.) Amelia Earhart, Eileen Collins	Amelia Earhart
20	In early June, the Tony Awards will be held for excellence in Broadway theatre. The awards are named with an "eponym." What is an eponym? named for a person, named for a thing, could be either	could be either (Arts Bonus)
20	U.S. Geography Question: The largest <u>temperate</u> rainforest in the world is Tongass National Forest with temps that rarely freeze but are never higher than 80. Tongass National Forest is in what U.S. state? Alaska, Hawaii, Washington	Alaska
40	The 3-week college lacrosse championships will conclude this weekend at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, VA. Lacrosse was invented by what group? ancient Egyptians, French, Native Americans, Spanish	Native Americans
40	Aviation History Question: This Wednesday in 1927, Charles Lindbergh left New York for the first nonstop solo flight to Europe and became an instant worldwide hero when he landed in Paris. What is the name of his famous plane? Concorde, Kitty Hawk, Land Rover, Spirit of St. Louis	Spirit of St. Louis (36 hr. flight)
80	Spelling Question: Next Monday is Memorial Day, a day when it is popular and common for American people to visit and decorate what places (spell the answer)? cemataries, cemeteries, cemetarys, semateries, semeteries, sematerys	cemeteries
80	U.S. Geography Question: Which of these U.S. states <u>does not</u> border the Pacific Ocean? Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, New Mexico, Washington	New Mexico
B	The baseball world, especially the Atlanta Braves organization, recently mourned the death of what long time manager? Bobby Cox, Ernie Johnson, Skip Carey	Bobby Cox
B	World History: It is a mystery how the ancient Egyptians moved huge stone blocks to build the pyramids. Historians believe the answer is what? sleds, water, wheels	wheels

Family & Society		
10	T/F Schools serve more nutrient rich foods than in the home and restaurants. True, False (S: Nutrition Sci.)	True
10	Each year, President George W. Bush hosts a wounded warriors 100K bike ride focusing on what problem called the "invisible wounds of war?" concussion, PTSD	PTSD
20	This following is especially true in urban areas: A new study shows that most Americans use 50% of their pay to cover what expenses? health care, phone, rent and utilities	rent and utilities
20	People keep active citizenship by staying up-to-date with the news. This week in 1783 "The Pennsylvania Evening Post" became the first of what news source in America? daily newspaper, monthly news magazine, 24-hour news station	daily newspaper
40	DoorDash is a leading technology company and on-demand delivery platform for consumers. A shift means drivers make hourly "active time + what percent of the tips they get? 70%, 80%, 90%, 100%	100% (was 80% before Trump BB bill)
40	Last Saturday was "National Learn To Swim Day," an important day because only half of U.S. metropolitan children know how to swim. What does metropolitan mean? city, country, rural, small	city
80	On Memorial Day, flags should be flown lower until when? 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 pm	noon
80	American History Question: This week in 1881, the American Red Cross was founded by what woman? (note: Red Cross provides volunteer disaster relief and donated blood) Clara Barton, Dorothea Dix, Eliza Pinckney, Elizabeth Arden, Madam C.J. Walker, Mary Goddard	Clara Barton
B	Memorial Day marks the beginning of what summer season while Labor Day marks the end of it? farm, fishing, vacation	vacation
B	In education slang, what is a student called who excels in Math? mathlete, NewzBrain, wizard	mathlete

Arts & Entertainment		
10	On June 7 at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City with Pink hosting, what Broadway awards will be handed out? Emmy, Tony	Tony
10	Summer at the Movies: In early June, what film opens about a young man who discovers a fabulous secret legacy as the prince of an alien planet and must recover a magic sword and return home? Masters of the Universe, Spider-Man: Brand New Day	Masters of the Universe
20	At Sunday night's Academy of Country Music awards, what artist won Entertainer of the Year? Jelly Roll, Lainey Wilson, Morgan Wallen	Morgan Wallen
20	The annual BET (Black Entertainment) Awards will be held June 28 with comedian Druski hosting as the youngest host in the show's history. Who is the all-time leader with 62 nominations? Aretha Franklin, Beyonce, Michael Jackson	Beyonce
40	Summer at the Movies: In late June, the DC Comics movie of "Supergirl" opens in theaters with what actress playing "Supergirl" as she travels across the galaxy on a quest for revenge? Brie Larson, Milly Alcott, Scarlett Johansson, Zoe Saldana	Milly Alcott
40	Summer at the Movies: On July 1, what lovable characters take to the box office? Minions, Jawas, Little Green Men, Rabbids	Minions
80	At last Sunday's Academy of Country Music Awards, who won for New Female Artist? Avery Anna, Caroline Jones, Carter Faith, Dasha, Emily Ann Roberts, Mackenzie Carpeneter	Avery Anna
80	Summer at the Movies: In mid-June, Buzz, Woody, Jessie and the rest of the gang's jobs get exponentially harder when they go head-to-head with a new threat to playtime in what Toy Story edition? 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5
B	Summer at the Movies: On July 3, just in time for America's 250th anniversary, what movie comes to the box office about a young man who will later become president? Young Lincoln, Young Obama, Young Washington	Young Washington
B	In early June, the Tony Awards will be held for excellence in Broadway theatre. The awards honor what actress, producer, director and administrator known for years of work in theatre? Antoinette Perry, Larence Perry, Tony Perry	Antoinette Perry

Sports News		
10	T/F The NCAA softball post-season tournament is underway. College softball players get paid. True, False	True
10	What two NBA teams cruised to the conference finals with dominant 4-0 sweeps in the semi-finals? Cavaliers and Timberwolves, Knicks and Thunder	Knicks and Thunder
20	What famous car race often referred to as "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" will run this weekend for the 110th time? Daytona, Grand Prix of Indianapolis, Indy 500	Indy 500
20	Last weekend, Napoleon Solo won the horse race spectacular called the Preakness. Derby, Run, Stakes	Stakes
40	What NBA team will have the #1 pick in the upcoming 2026 draft? Cleveland Cavaliers, Phoenix Suns, Portland Trail Blazers, Washington Wizards	Washington Wizards
40	The 2025-2026 NBA MVP was a close vote with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (SGA) of what team winning a 2nd straight MVP honor? Bucks, Cavaliers, Knicks, Thunder	Thunder
80	What university's Megan Grant made news when she slugged home run #38, setting a new NCAA Division I softball single-season record? Nebraska, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, UCLA	UCLA
80	Men's volleyball is big in the western states. What team won the 2026 NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship? Hawaii, Pepperdine, Indiana, Iowa, UC Irvine, USC	Hawaii
B	Who won last weekend's pro golf major, the PGA Championship, played at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, PA? Aaron Rai, Jason Day, Scottie Scheffler	Aaron Rai
B	The annual Memorial Day race is the "_____ 500" that when at full capacity can seat 250,000 fans. Daytona, Indianapolis, Talladega	Indianapolis

Fun Newz		
10	May 2026 has two May full moons, May 1 and May 31. Some Native tribes called the May full moon the “Full Flower Moon” or the “_____ Planting Moon.” Bean, Corn	Corn
10	The biggest number zip code in America is 99950. It is located in what state? Alaska, Puerto Rico	Alaska (Puerto Rico not state)
20	Beets are no longer just a healthy food but are fast becoming a mainstream staple as demand rises across farms, restaurants and supplements, reflecting a broader shift in how Americans eat. Beets are red, purple or what other color? black, gold, green	gold
20	Last Friday was “Endangered Species Day,” a day to raise awareness about the many animals that are on the endangered species list. The dinosaur and the woolly mammoth have come and gone eons ago, and in recent times, we have lost the American Buffalo, Barbary Lion, Great Auk, the Carrier Pigeon, and Blue_____. Heron, Hen, Whale	Whale
40	The 3-week college lacrosse championships will conclude this weekend at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, VA. Lacrosse is known as the oldest team sport in North America and “the_____ game on two feet.” craziest, fastest, meanest, wildest	fastest
40	U.S. Geography Question: Which of these <u>is not</u> a “borough” of America’s largest city? Bronx, Brooklyn, Ellis Island, Queens	Ellis Island
80	This Saturday is “National Miniature Golf Day.” It is like regular golf but with obstacles for difficulty and fun. Par is usually 2, and what is the maximum score before you pick up the ball and give up? _____ 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	7
80	The emerald is the birthstone for May and is made from four elements that are found deep in the Earth's crust: beryllium, aluminum, silicon, and oxygen. What color is the emerald? _____ blue, green, purple, red, white, yellow	green
B	School will be out when the summer solstice occurs on June 21, which in 2026, is also what special day? Father’s Day, International Yoga Day, Juneteenth	Father’s Day
B	This Saturday is “Lucky Penny Day.” A penny doesn't buy much, but for now, the penny is useful and some might be lucky. For luck, you should only pick up a penny that is what? _____ clean, lying face down, lying face up	lying face up

Students Speak

As we break for the summer, many young people will flock to movie theaters to escape the heat and spend time with friends. If this describes you, discuss the movies you hope to see this summer.

As we break for the summer, write about the reasons you appreciate your teachers. Discuss what qualities make a great teacher.

This Saturday is “National Miniature Golf Day.” If you have played, discuss what is most fun about the game.