

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	Due to the Iranian blockage of the Middle East Strait of Hormuz, what commodity went up in price last week in America? gasoline, olive oil	gasoline
10	Last week in Congress, Democratic Party representatives held a vote to curb what powers of President Trump? go to war, place tariffs on nation	go to war
20	Last week, what head of Homeland Security briefed Congress on the dangers of Iranian sleeper cells doing harm to America in the wake of the American and Israeli war against Iran? John Cornyn, Kristi Noem, Tulsi Gabbard	Kristi Noem
20	The House of Representatives congressional probe recently called former President Bill Clinton to testify. Many believe the questioning of the former president will allow the panel to call what person? Bill Clinton, Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump
40	In the first week of March, what was the #1 national news story? Epstein files, Melania chairs United Nations meeting, Nancy not yet found, U.S. Air Force hits Iran	U.S. Air Force hits Iran
40	Civics Question: If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, what "2nd in line" leader becomes President? Charles Schumer, Kash Patel, Marco Rubio, Mike Johnson	Mike Johnson
80	As of Sunday, how many American soldiers have died in the attack on Iran dubbed "Operation Epic Fury?" (within 1) 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, 18	7 (8th died from medical health emerg.)
80	American History Question: This week in 1888, "The Great Blizzard" hit New England states with 40" of snow causing the death of how many Americans? (within 100) 40, 400, 1,400, 2,400, 3,400, 4,400	400 (no weather advisories then)
B	High gas prices from the Iranian conflict have led the Trump Administration to explain it to America in this way, "short term pain" for what? long term gain, no more wars, world peace	long term gain
B	The U.S. Postal Service has permission from Congress to raise the price of stamps. Four years ago, the price of a first-class stamp was 58¢. What is the current price of a first-class stamp? 68¢, 73¢, 78¢	78¢

World News		
10	The United States' and Israel's recent attack on Iran will hopefully bring peace to what area that's been at war due to Iranian-backed Hamas militants? Gaza, Iraq	Gaza
10	According to the World Health Organization, terror has been the common enemy in the world. What is now considered the common enemy? disease, hunger	hunger
20	Pakistan and what other nation made news when they began firing missiles across the border at each other? Afghanistan, India, Syria	Afghanistan
20	Although the Trump Administration has shut down much of the activity, what nation remains the source of nearly all heroin and methamphetamine seized? Canada, China, Mexico	Mexico
40	When the U.S. and Israel recently launched missiles against Iran, they attacked at what time of the day, not the normal time for attacking? daytime, early morning, midnight, overnight	daytime
40	Last Sunday was "International Women's Day." Mother Theresa is considered one of the world's greatest humanitarians, dedicating her life to charity in what South Asian nation, and in 1979, she received the Nobel Peace Prize, and in 2019, she was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church? Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan	India
80	At the recent Milan Winter Olympics, what nation's Johannes Klaebo (cross country skier) set a record for the most gold medals won (6) in a single Winter Olympics? Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Sweden	Norway
80	Last Sunday was "International Women's Day." Malala Yousafzai, now 27, began fighting for girls' rights to education in what South Asian nation at just 11 years old, survived an assassination attempt a few years later, and in 2014, she became the world's youngest Nobel Peace Prize recipient? Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka	Pakistan
B	What is the main reason that the United States government believes they can have a peaceful takeover of Cuba? Cuban Americans want their country back, Cuban government is weak, Cuba is only 90 miles off the coast of Florida	Cuban govt. weak (and want it back-communism 1959)
B	Last week on Tuesday, the stock market dropped nearly 1000 points due to what worry? China will join Iran fighting the U.S., Iran will win the war, stoppage of world trade	stoppage of world trade

People, Places & Things		
10	This weekend is the March full moon. Why is the March full moon called the “Worm Moon?” fishing weather, insects begin to hatch	insects begin to hatch
10	This Thursday is “National Girl Scout Day.” In 1912, what did Juliette Gordon Low become famous for? baked the very first Girl Scout cookie, founded the first Girl Scout group of 12 girls	founded the first Girl Scout group of 12
20	After the snow and cold subsides, U.S. roads are left with many potholes. Potholes cause two major problems for American drivers: swerving to avoid them and what else? driver anger issues, front end vehicle damage, spilled coffee	front end vehicle damage
20	This Wednesday is “National Johnny Appleseed Day,” remembering the man who began propagating apple and _____ trees in the late 1700’s in Massachusetts, and then across the nation. orange, pear, strawberry	pear
40	Generally, how are Iranians living in the United States feeling about the conflict with Iran? angry, disappointed, not sure what to think, thrilled (S: AP)	not sure what to think
40	American History Question: This Tuesday, we celebrate what famous African American woman known in history as the “Moses of her people?” (note: after escaping slavery she helped others gain their freedom as a “conductor” of the Underground Railroad) Daisy Bates, Jane Bolin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks	Harriet Tubman
80	This Tuesday in 1862 (American Civil War), the U.S. issued paper money: \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. Today, the average circulation span for a \$100 bill is 18 years while the average circulation span for a \$1 bill is how long? 2 yrs, 3 yrs, 4 yrs, 5 yrs, 6 yrs, 7 yrs	7 yrs
80	Last Sunday was “International Women’s Day.” What woman, now 44, dominated the ice throughout the 1990’s, becoming the most decorated Asian American figure skater in the world? Eileen Gu, Li Na, Michelle Kwan, Naomi Osaka, Tiffany Chin, Yasmine Wang	Michelle Kwan
B	At the end of May, Target will stop selling cereals with what in them? artificial coloring, kid’s toys, processed wheat or oats	artificial coloring
B	Last Sunday was “International Women’s Day.” Nadia Comaneci is a retired gymnast from what Eastern European nation, who became a five-time Olympic gold medalist and in 1976 at the age of 14, became the first to be awarded a perfect score of 10.0 at the Olympic Games? (hint: capital Bucharest) Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia	Romania

Family & Society		
10	T/F This Thursday is “National Working Moms Day.” Most moms in the workforce in America today are divorced. True, False	False
10	With smoking still an American enigma, sociologists say the best message for people to quit smoking is to make them realize that secondhand smoke hurts what people? children, themselves	children
20	This Thursday is “National Working Moms Day,” celebrating and recognizing the contributions of working mothers who are seen as both breadwinners and what else? (hint: starts with n) nannies, neighbors, nurturers	nurturers
20	What road deaths have increased 10-times in the past two decades? car-animal collisions, car-pedestrian, road rage	road rage
40	A Univ. of MI study alerts parents that what teen problem is worsening? dropout of school, lack of sleep, social media addiction, teen drinking	lack of sleep
40	This Thursday is “National Working Moms Day.” What is one of the most difficult challenges moms face at work? higher pay, flexible hours, respect from the boss, workplace friendships	flexible hours
80	In society, the rise of what “common man” thought is described as intolerance by some, while others say it has given rise to tolerance? (hint: starts with p) parallel thought, parasocialism, patchwork, pluralism, populism, prestige	populism
80	This Thursday is “National Working Moms Day.” In 2025, what percent of moms with school age children were in the workforce? (within 4%) 48%, 58%, 68%, 78%, 88%, 98% (Dept. of Labor)	78%
B	Lack of teen sleep is a serious issue in America. Most teens need how many more hours of sleep than they are getting now? 1, 2, 3	2 (should get 9 a night)
B	American History Question: This Tuesday in 1880, what service organization was founded in the U.S.? (note: first founded in England by William Booth) Lutheran Hour, Red Cross, Salvation Army	Salvation Army

Arts & Entertainment		
10	Next Sunday, the Academy Awards show will be held. In what 2nd largest U.S. city, known as home to Hollywood, will the event be held? Los Angeles, New York City	Los Angeles
10	Next Sunday night, the Academy Awards will be handed out. One movie nominated for best picture is "Hamnet" about what subject? fishermen, William Shakespeare	William Shakespeare
20	Next Sunday night, the Academy Awards will be handed out. One movie nominated for best picture is "Train Dreams" about what subject? documentary on hobos, engineer racing to prevent a catastrophe, pioneer life	pioneer life
20	This Friday is "Good Samaritan Day." Of the notable Good Samaritan movies, what "Rocky" actor starred in the 2022 superhero film "Samaritan"? Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Sylvester Stallone	Sylvester Stallone
40	At the recent 2026 NAACP Image Awards, Michael B. Jordan won the award for Entertainer of the Year for his work in what art form? acting, comedy, dance, song	acting (film winner- "Sinners")
40	Last Sunday was "International Women's Day." In the 1960's, Anna May Wong was Hollywood's first Asian American to fill what job and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame? costume designer, film director, set director, movie star	movie star
80	For the first time in "American Idol" history, the show recently took its make-or-break performances to what U.S. city? Miami, Moscow, London, Nashville, New York City, Paris	Nashville
80	At the recent 2026 NAACP Image Awards, Kendrick Lamar won Best Male Artist, and who won Best Female Artist? Alex Isley, Cardi B, Doechii, Simone Leigh, SZA, Teyanna Taylor	Cardi B
B	Next Sunday night, the Academy Awards will be handed out. One movie nominated for best picture is "F1" about what racing subject? horse racing, NASCAR racing, open-wheel single-seat car racing	open-wheel single-seat car racing
B	Next Sunday night, the Academy Awards will be handed out. What is the nickname given to the awards? Golden Globes, Grammys, Oscars, Razzberries	Oscars

Sports News		
10	Conference basketball champions are normally top seeds in the NCAA Big Dance. What team is the regular season SEC conference champion in women's basketball? LSU, South Carolina	South Carolina
10	Conference basketball champions are normally top seeds in the NCAA big dance. What team is the regular season Big 12 conference champion in men's basketball? Arizona, Kansas	Arizona
20	Last week, the Power 4 conference commissioners and dozens of sports celebrities and dignitaries met at the White House in a roundtable discussion with President Donald Trump to discuss what? future of college athletics, NIL, both future and NIL	both future and NIL
20	Conference basketball champions are normally top seeds in the NCAA Big Dance. What team is the regular season Big Ten conference champion in men's basketball? Michigan, Michigan State, Nebraska	Michigan
40	Former Duke star and current Charlotte Hornet forward Kon Knueppel recently set a new NBA rookie record for what stat? assists, rebounds, turnovers, 3-pointers	3-pointers
40	Since it is sometimes a subjective call, the NCAA may lessen the penalty for what college football violation? offensive holding, pass interference, targeting, unsportsmanlike conduct	targeting
80	Conference basketball champions are normally top seeds in the NCAA Big Dance. What team is the regular season Big Ten conference champion in women's basketball? Michigan, Michigan State, Nebraska, Ohio State, UCLA, Washington	UCLA
80	Last Sunday was "International Women's Day. In 2015, what female became the first full-time female NFL official and worked a Super Bowl, thus inspiring women throughout the sports industry? Hedy Lamarr, Jill Arrington, Rachel Nichols, Phylis George, Sarah Thomas, Toni Morrison	Sarah Thomas
B	Already having the record for most points scored, last weekend LeBron James set a new NBA record for career "baskets made," surpassing what star? Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Kobe Bryant, Wilt Chamberlain	Kareem Abdul Jabbar (15,838)
B	Next Sunday is what big Sunday in college basketball? Seeding Sunday, Selection Sunday, Super Sunday	Selection Sunday

Fun Newz		
10	Hundreds of Burger King and Popeyes restaurants across the nation are testing what new technology on headsets to recite recipes for the cooks, track food inventories and monitor customer service of the employees? AI, Google Earth	AI
10	This Saturday is “National Potato Chip Day,” celebrating America’s #1 snack food and sandwich add-on. America’s favorite is what brand of chip? Lays, Ruffles	Lays
20	Many people who suffer “Triskaidekaphobia” will be on edge this Friday because they suffer from extreme fear of what? football games, Fridays, number 13	number 13
20	In recent years, there is less emphasis on the dangers of cholesterol intake. What popular dinner meat is <u>not high</u> in cholesterol? beef, chicken, pork	chicken
40	In March, we celebrate “National Women’s Month.” Across the Earth, women live longer than men? Why is this? high levels of estrogen, no scientific reason, women stress less, women are smarter	there is no scientific reason (many theories such as men take more risks)
40	Geography Question: Bad weather has been everywhere this winter, but Mount Washington always has been known as where America’s and the “World’s Worst Weather” occurs. Mount Washington is in the _____ Mountains of New Hampshire. Black, Green, Red, White	White
80	Many Midwestern and northern state outdoorsmen pass the cold winter by ice fishing. Ice fishermen fish out of an augured, cutout hole in the ice that is usually how many inches in diameter? (within 2”) 2”, 6”, 8”, 10”, 12”, 14”	8 (over 12" illegal)
80	What is the blue-green birth stone for March? amethyst, aquamarine, emerald, garnet, peridot, ruby	aquamarine
B	Last weekend in Alaska, 36 mushers (12 are female) and their dog teams began the annual Iditarod Sled Dog Race of 1000 miles. For the musher’s control, dogs learn standard commands, such as “Hike” which means what? go, stop, snap the ball	go
B	Last weekend in Alaska, 36 mushers (12 are female) and their dog teams began the annual Iditarod Sled Dog Race, where dogs pull a sled over tortuous terrain constantly needing food. What do the dogs wear on their feet for the 840-mile run? doggy booties, doggy sleds, nothing	doggy booties

Students Speak

Last weekend, Daylight Saving Time went into effect. Some say it affects mood and increases the chance of health problems. Many politicians want to make either Standard Time or DST permanent. Discuss.

Last weekend in Alaska, 36 (12 female) mushers and their dog teams began the annual Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Research the race and discuss why this race takes place.

This Friday is Friday the 13th. Discuss the fear of Friday the 13th that some people have. Is it rational or totally irrational?