

Learning Game: U.S. History Scavenger Hunt - Founding Fathers Edition

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Learning Outcome: Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in the history of the United States and New York.

Length of Learning Game: 20 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Pictures or drawings of key Founding Fathers (e.g., George Washington, Thomas Jefferson)
- Paper and crayons/markers for each student
- List of clues or questions related to the Founding Fathers
- Timer

Game Setup:

1. Introduce the concept of the Founding Fathers to the students, focusing on key figures like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.
2. Explain the rules of the scavenger hunt:
 - Students will search the classroom or designated area for pictures or drawings of the Founding Fathers.
 - Each picture or drawing will have a related question or task that students need to complete.
3. Divide the students into small groups or pairs.
4. Set a time limit of 20 minutes for the scavenger hunt.
5. Students will earn points for each correct answer or completed task.
6. The group or pair with the most points at the end wins.

Supplemental Materials:

Vocabulary List:

1. **Founding Fathers:** Key historical figures who played a vital role in the establishment of the United States.
2. **Revolutionary War:** The war fought by American colonists to gain independence from Great Britain.

Questions:

1. Who was known as the "Father of Our Country"?
2. What important document did Thomas Jefferson help to write?

Tasks:

1. Draw a picture of George Washington crossing the Delaware River.
2. Describe one way in which Thomas Jefferson contributed to American history.

Conclusion:

This U.S. History Scavenger Hunt focusing on the Founding Fathers will engage young students in an interactive and fun way to introduce them to key historical figures and events. The game is designed to reinforce understanding of major ideas and themes in the history of the United States and New York. Have a great time exploring history with your students!