



6: Nifty Fifty State Trivia



OBJECTIVE:

Students will use critical thinking skills and memory recall to play a facts and information game about the states, capitals, new quarters, state symbols, money, and U.S. geography.



MATERIALS:

- Game sheets (pages 24 and 25)
- Sounding device (optional)



PREPARATIONS:

- Make copies of the game sheet (page 24), one for each player.
- Make one copy of the game answer sheet (page 25) for each group. Laminate, if desired.



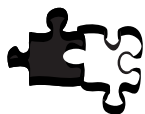
GROUPING:

- Small groups of 4-5 students



CLASS TIME:

- 1 class period



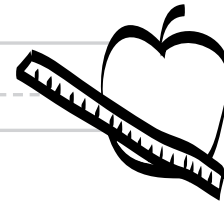
CONNECTIONS:

- History
- Math
- Language Arts



TERMS and CONCEPTS:

- Problem solving
- History
- Geography
- Language Arts



Reviewing Information and Skills



STEPS:

1. Explain to the class that they will be using the knowledge and skills they've acquired through the U.S. Mint lessons to play the "Nifty Fifty State Trivia" game. Go over the rules of the game.
2. Announce groups. In each group there should be three or four players and one game leader who will read questions and determine correct answers.
3. Begin playing. Give students 20-30 minutes to play the game. Allow time for groups to tally points to see who won.
4. Give student groups time to share interesting experiences from their games.

How to Play the "Nifty Fifty State Trivia" Game:

1. The first player begins by choosing a category and value (e.g., "State Capitals for 10").
2. The game leader reads the question.
3. Any of the players may "ring in" to answer the question (by using bells, snapping, slapping the table, holding up a colored piece of paper).
4. The first player to "ring in" gets the first chance to answer the question. If the correct answer is given, that player places a check mark in the corresponding square on his/her game sheet (for scoring) and chooses the next category and value. Other players should place an "X" over the question box on their sheets (to mark as completed).
5. If an incorrect answer is given, any of the other players can ring in to answer. The player who gives the correct answer wins the points and chooses the next category.
6. If no correct answer is given, the game leader reads the answer and no points are awarded. The choice of category reverts to the last player who answered correctly.
7. Once all questions have been asked, or when time is up, students should add up the values on their game cards to determine the winner.



ENRICHMENT/EXTENSIONS:

Students can think of more categories/questions to create additional state trivia games.

State Nicknames

Brain Teasers

Did You Know?

State the Capital

Quarter Symbols

Where in the USA?

Delaware

The number of years that passed between the ratification of the first and last states.

Three state names that begin with the word "New."

This state capital was the location of a famous historical tea party.

New York's new quarter symbol.

These are the smallest and largest states to release quarters between 1999-2001.

The Bay State

The number of states who do not have a new quarter as of 2001.

Five state names that begin with a direction.

This state capital is also a type of grape.

On the Virginia quarter, the ships are heading for this town.

This state is the furthest west to release a new quarter between 1999-2001.

New York

How much money do you have if you have collected all the new quarters released between 1999-2001?

The last state ratified.

This state capital was home to Martin Luther King, Jr.

This state's quarter features the same historical figure on both sides.

This is the number of land-locked states to have released quarters by 2001.

The Palmetto State

The number of peaches you have on your peach tree in Georgia on the tenth day, if the tree started with 3 peaches on the first day, and the number doubled each day.

The most populated state with a 2001 quarter.

This state capital is home to the Naval Academy.

These two types of trees are featured on the Vermont (1) and Connecticut (2) state quarters.

These states border our country's capital.

Georgia

The total number of seconds you'll spend in the elevator when visiting the top of the Empire State Building if the elevator ride is 7 minutes each way.

Our first president's home state.

This is the capital of the Palmetto State.

This state's quarter shows a regional crop.

This is the last state admitted into the Union to have released a quarter between 1999-2001.

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Where in the USA?

[Delaware]
Answer:
The First State

[The number of years that passed between the ratification of the first and last states.]
Answer:
172

[Three state names that begin with the word "New."
Answer: New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, and New Mexico

[This state capital was the location of a famous historical tea party.]
Answer: Boston, Massachusetts

[New York's new quarter symbol.]
Answer:
The Statue of Liberty

[These are the smallest and largest states to release quarters between 1999-2001.]
Answer:
Rhode Island and Georgia

[The Bay State]
Answer:
Massachusetts

[The number of states who do not have a new quarter as of 2001.]
Answer:
35

[Five state names that begin with a direction.]
Answer: North and South Carolina, North and South Dakota, West Virginia

[This state capital is also a type of grape.]
Answer:
Concord, New Hampshire

[On the Virginia quarter, the ships are heading for this town.]
Answer:
Jamestown

[This state is the furthest west to release a new quarter between 1999-2001.]
Answer:
Kentucky

[New York]
Answer:
The Empire State

[How much money do you have if you have collected all the new quarters released between 1999-2001?]
Answer:
\$3.75

[The last state ratified.]
Answer:
Hawaii

[This state capital was home to Martin Luther King, Jr.]
Answer:
Atlanta, Georgia

[This state's quarter features the same historical figure on both sides.]
Answer:
New Jersey

[This is the number of land-locked states to have released quarters by 2001.]
Answer: 2
(Kentucky and Vermont)

[The Palmetto State]
Answer:
South Carolina

[The number of peaches you have on your peach tree in Georgia on the tenth day, if the tree started with 3 peaches on the first day, and the number doubled each day.]
Answer: 1,536

[The most populated state with a 2001 quarter.]
Answer:
New York

[This state capital is home to the Naval Academy.]
Answer:
Annapolis, Maryland

[These two types of trees are featured on the Vermont (1) and Connecticut (2) state quarters.]
Answer: (1) Oak and (2) Maple

[These states border our country's capital.]
Answer:
Virginia and Maryland

[Georgia]
Answer:
The Peach State

[The total number of seconds you'll spend in the elevator when visiting the top of the Empire State Building if the elevator ride is 7 minutes each way.]
Answer: 840

[Our first president's home state.]
Answer:
Virginia

[This is the capital of the Palmetto State.]
Answer: Columbia, South Carolina

[This state's quarter shows a regional crop.]
Answer:
Georgia

[This is the last state admitted into the Union to have released a quarter between 1999-2001.]
Answer:
Kentucky

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