

# Civics Jeopardy

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**GRADE LEVEL:** Appropriate for high school 9 - 12.

**OVERVIEW:** The following "game" is a review activity that classes have used to prepare for semester exams.

**PURPOSE:** Students often believe that learning has to be dull. This activity has been successful and has made review and learning "fun". Students become very competitive. They do not always realize that while they are having fun they can be learning.

**OBJECTIVE:** The student will participate in a semester review of important terms and ideas.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** The game board requires a blackboard or overhead. Each student needs a copy of the rules.

## **ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES:**

The teacher should give each student a copy of the game rules. This activity can be organized to last one hour or more. If reinforcement is desired a copy of the questions can be assigned as homework after each round is completed. Large grouping encourages many students to participate. Students can be assigned to keep score or even read the "answers". The winning team can receive something extra like a free-homework pass, pencils, or candy.

**TYING IT TOGETHER:** For a homework assignment give the students a handout of the questions covered by the rounds completed. This can make review for major tests "fun".

## CIVICS JEOPARDY

### Game Rules:

A large drawing of the game board will be put on the board. The top row of spaces will be filled with the category headings (RESPONSIBILITIES, INFORMATION GOOD OR BAD, TAXES, MISCELLANEOUS, ETC.) The class will be divided into two teams. A person from Team 1 will be asked to pick a category and a point value. For example, someone might choose "PLACES for 40." The teacher will then ask a question about a place mentioned in the material you have just reviewed. The first person on either team to raise their hand will be asked to answer. A correct answer earns the team "40" points. If a wrong answer is given, the team loses "40" points. A team also loses "40" points if a person raises their hand but does not give an answer immediately when called upon. The person who gives the correct answer will choose the next category and point value. When a space is chosen, it will be crossed out and cannot be picked again. When a wrong answer is given, the teacher will give the right answer. A new category and point value will then be picked by the person who gave the last correct answer. One person cannot answer twice in a row for their team.

Categories for round one include: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; INFORMATION-GOOD AND BAD; TAXES; MISCELLANEOUS; SUNDRIES; STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT; CONSUMERS; and ELECTIONS.

### ROUND 1

Duties	Info	Taxes	Misc	Sundries	State & Local	Consumers	Elections
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50

DURING ROUND 2 THE POINT VALUE DOUBLES ( 20, 40, 60, 80, & 100).

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## CIVICS JEOPARDY --- ROUND 1

### DUTIES-RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Citizens help finance government by paying these.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ American citizens should follow and obey all of these.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ American citizens can actively participate in government by doing this.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Citizens can show their concerns and support of their government as members of what group?
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ It is a citizens responsibility to keep their neighborhood safe by cooperating with this local agency.

### INFORMATION GOOD AND BAD

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Visual sources of information that are used by good citizens to keep abreast with current events.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ An error of reasoning that takes attention away from the important thing.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ "Governor Edwards is voting for Mr. Clinton. So should you."
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Having well-known people support candidates or issues.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ The technique using vague statements that everyone agrees with is?

### TAXES

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ The federal government obtains most of the money it needs from this source.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ The tax charged on the amount of money a person makes.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Taxes on many of the things one buys in stores
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Money that must be paid on the value of property left to heirs.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ The tax on luxury items.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Inherited government in which one person rules.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Government in which the people hold the final authority.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution to all citizens
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Each branch of government has powers to limit the powers of the other two.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ Procedural rules governing the steps followed in legislative assemblies.

### SUNDRIES

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ One can not be punished for a crime before the law is passed.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Congress can not withhold the right of a jailed person to be brought before a judge.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Clause which allows Congress the authority to carry out and expand its powers.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Body that must find there is enough evidence to indict or officially accuse a person of a crime.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court case that protected against self incrimination.

**STATE & LOCAL**

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification that all state legislators must possess.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Term of office for a state legislator.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Local governments are created by this government.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ A government that serves people who live in an urban area.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ Year when all fiscal sessions are held.

**CONSUMERS**

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ A plan for spending.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance payments.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Money in the bank is protected by this agency.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Situation in which an individual is unable to pay his/her debts.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ A summary of a persons personal history, education and job experience.

**ELECTIONS**

- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ In the U.S. the age at which one can vote according to the 26th Amendment.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Members of Congress that are elected by districts.
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Members of Congress elected on a statewide basis.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Term that refers to the 538 presidential electors.
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ Election in which citizens choose those party members who will run for office.

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**CIVICS JEOPARDY --- ROUND 2**

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Name of legislative branch.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ A two house legislature.
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_ Combination of the New Jersey and Virginia Plan.
- 80 \_\_\_\_\_ House of Congress that generates money bills.
- 100 \_\_\_\_\_ As a check on the President only the Congress can do this.

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Head of the executive branch.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ As a check on Congress, the President can do this.
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_ Length of a presidential term.
- 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Serves as president of the Senate.
- 100 \_\_\_\_\_ An appointed group of presidential advisors.

## JUDICIAL BRANCH

- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Customary laws that develop from judges decisions.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Laws passed by a legislature.
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_ Court that has the power to set aside a state law.
- 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Power of federal court to declare invalid the laws that violate the constitution.
- 100 \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme court case that held that all people should have the right to legal counsel whether or not they can afford it.

## SUNDRIES

- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Chief economic problem facing the state of Louisiana.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Organization of people with similar ideas on public issues that work to put their candidate in office.
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of court case in which two neighbors argue over the exact dividing line between their property.
- 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of case generated by offenses against individuals or society.
- 100 \_\_\_\_\_ Sources of revenue to build large projects like the Superdome.

## AMENDMENTS

- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ The first ten amendments to the Constitution.
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom of religion, speech, press, and petition.
- 60 \_\_\_\_\_ Protects people from unreasonable

searches and seizures.

80 \_\_\_\_\_ Guarantees the right to a speedy, public trial by jury.

100 \_\_\_\_\_ No one shall lose life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

### **TRIALS**

20 \_\_\_\_\_ Every accused has a right to be represented by this person.

40 \_\_\_\_\_ Until a person is proven to be guilty, what is he presumed to be?

60 \_\_\_\_\_ If a person believes that he did not receive a fair trial, he has the right to do this.

80 \_\_\_\_\_ Allows a person to be released until a trial date.

100 \_\_\_\_\_ The accused has a right to a trial by this group of peers.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

20 \_\_\_\_\_ Form of city government in which the council makes the laws and the mayor the laws are executed.

40 \_\_\_\_\_ The branch of Congress that has the power to approve treaties.

60 \_\_\_\_\_ The chief diplomat for the United States.

80 \_\_\_\_\_ Local government obtains this money from the federal government.

100 \_\_\_\_\_ Parish official who is responsible for establishing the value of property.

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**CIVICS JEOPARDY --- ANSWERS Round 1**

**DUTIES-RESPONSIBILITIES      STATE & LOCAL**

- 10 taxes                      10 residence
- 20 laws                      20 4 years
- 30 voting                    30 state government
- 40 political parties        40 municipality
- 50 local police            50 even year

**INFORMATION GOOD AND BAD      CONSUMERS**

- 10 television or newspapers    10 budget
- 20 red herring                  20 premium
- 30 bandwagon                  30 FDIC
- 40 testimonial                  40 bankrupt
- 50 glittering generalities      50 resume

**TAXES**

- 10 taxes
- 20 personal income
- 30 sales
- 40 estate tax
- 50 excise tax

**ELECTIONS**

- 10 18 years
- 20 Representatives
- 30 Senators
- 40 Electoral College
- 50 primary

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 10 monarchy
- 20 democracy
- 30 civil rights
- 40 checks and balances
- 50 parliamentary

**SUNDRIES**

- 10 ex post facto law
- 20 habeas corpus
- 30 elastic clause
- 40 grand jury
- 50 Escobedo v. Illinois

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**CIVICS JEOPARDY --- ANSWERS Round 2**

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

- 20 Congress
- 40 bicameral

**TRIAL**

- 20 lawyer
- 40 innocent

60 Great Compromise            60 appeal  
80 House of Representatives    80 bail  
100 declare war                100 jury

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

20 president  
40 veto  
60 4 years  
80 vice-president  
100 cabinet

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

20 mayor-council  
40 Senate  
60 President  
80 revenue sharing  
100 assessors

#### **JUDICIAL BRANCH**

20 common law  
40 statutory law  
60 Supreme Court  
80 judicial review  
100 Gideon vs. Wainwright

#### **SUNDRIES**

20 unemployment  
40 political party  
60 civil  
80 criminal  
100 bonds

#### **AMENDMENTS**

20 Bill of Rights  
40 First Amendment  
60 Fourth Amendment  
80 Sixth Amendment  
100 Fifth Amendment