

Forgery

A game about secretly improving your handwriting

Components

- 52 PVC cards (they look like [this](#))
- 5 Dry erase pens; different colors
- 5 boards with 5 clips each to hold the cards

Overview

1. Forge a famous person's signature.
2. Everyone else makes a copy: Make your copy seem like the First Forgery as you add it to the growing pile of copies.
3. Everyone votes to find the First Forgery. Guess correctly and get 2 points. Deceive others and get 1 point each.

Setup

This can be done simultaneously.

1. Give everyone a dry erase marker of a different color.
2. Give every player 6 cards with famous peoples signatures.
 - 1 more than the number of players.
3. Choose a signature to copy and circle it with your marker
4. Cross out all the ones you did not choose with horizontal lines
 - **Add your initials** next to where you crossed off the signature.
 - Check now that your initials are not the same as another player.
5. Flip over the crossed out signatures to the blank side and gather them into a draw pile of blanks. They are all marked with your color and initials (on the back).

You should have one circled signature in front of you with a pile of blanks.

Play

Forge (sign to make copies)

This can be done simultaneously.

- Round 1:
 - Copy the signature you chose onto one of the blank cards.
 - You have made the First Forgery. The one that everyone is trying to find.
 - Flip over the famous person's original and write a big O on it to indicate that it is the Famous Person's Original. This is so you don't accidentally use it.
 - Clip the First Forgery onto the clipboard and pass to the left.
 - Pass the colored marker to the left also.
- Round 2:
 - Receive the First Forgery from the right along with the pen used to write them.
 - Copy that signature. You are trying to deceive everyone else into thinking yours is the First Forgery.
 - Shuffle your copy and the First Forgery.
 - Add your forgery to the clipboard and pass it to the left
 - Pass the colored marker to the left also.
- Round 3+:
 - Receive multiple forgeries from the right on the clipboard.
 - Choose one you think is the First Forgery
 - Copy that signature. You are trying to deceive everyone else into thinking yours is the First Forgery.
 - Shuffle all forgeries to obscure which one you added to the pile
 - Add your forgery to the clipboard and pass it to the left
 - Pass the colored marker to the left also.

When you receive the pile of copies that you started the Judging starts. The color should match the color of that you drew a big O original card.

Find the First Forgery

This can be done simultaneously.

Prepare

You should have the First Forgery that you made in front of you. It should match the color that you started with.

From now on, **keep** your colored marker.

Shuffle the cards so that they are in a random order and pass the clip board to the right. This is the reverse order in which copies were made and you will guess last when it comes all the way back to you.

Your guess

- Pick the signature you think is the First Forgery.

- Initial the card on the border. Everyone will see your guess and have to decide for themselves if they think it is the First Forgery.
- Pass the clipboard to the right.

Reveal

This should be done all together. (not simultaneously)

Optional: Ask: "Does anyone know which famous person created this originally?" Reveal the famous person's original signature and ask the same question.

Score

This should be done all together. (not simultaneously)

The clipboard should once again be back with the person who made the First Forgery. They should have initialed which forgery they thought was theirs.

Correct guesses

The first card confirmed should be the author of the First Forgery. After that, check the others in the highest vote order.

Flip over the card to confirm who wrote that copy. The author of each forgery should have initialed the back side of each of their cards.

2 points for guessing the First Forgery correctly.

1 point for deceiving others.

The First Forgery author also gets 1 point for each correct guess.

Feel free to keep track of your score by tallying on the blank card in front of you with the big O. It is the original famous person's signature that you chose to copy.

Winner

Whoever has the most points wins. In the event of a tie whoever had the First Forgery that most resembled the original famous person's wins.