

The Answer is Fun!

{ Using America's favorite quiz show to improve classroom learning and achievement

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- ⌘ Review material before a test
- ⌘ Take an inventory of knowledge following a reading
- ⌘ Measure vocabulary before, during, and after a literature unit
- ⌘ Practice mathematical operations
- ⌘ Test sight word recognition
- ⌘ Just to have a lot of fun

Using Jeopardy! in the classroom

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- ⌘ “It was like we were learning and we didn’t even know it.” –Noah
- ⌘ “I always feel like I understand the material better after the game.” –Jordan
- ⌘ “Playing Jeopardy before the test really helped me do well. I was able to make connections I might not have otherwise.” –Eliza

Quotes from my students about the game

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The hardware costs between \$300-\$500 depending on the vendor

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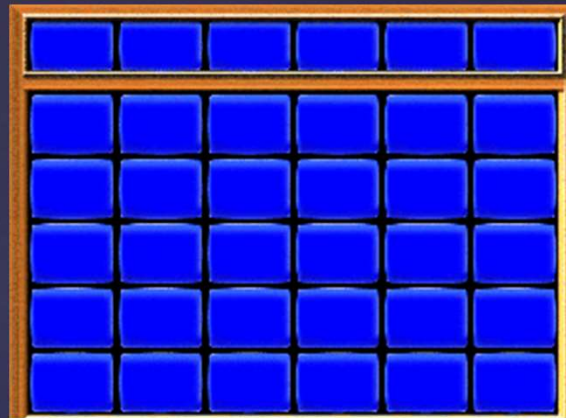
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- ⌘ There are plenty of free options available for Jeopardy-style game boards
 - ⌘ ACTIVBoard/Smart Board templates
 - ⌘ Flash based online templates (www.superteachertools.com/jeopardy)
 - ⌘ Free PowerPoint templates
 - ⌘ Many others...just enter "free jeopardy templates" on your favorite search engine

What if we can't afford it?

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Creating a good game is easier than you think.

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Creating Categories

{ Step 1

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{ Good Categories Do

- ⌘ Act as a clue to correct responses during the game
- ⌘ Tell players what the clues will be about
- ⌘ Have relatively short names

{ Good Categories Do Not

- ⌘ Confuse players (intentionally or otherwise)
- ⌘ Appear wordy or difficult to pronounce

Do's and Don'ts

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- ⌘ "C" in History
- ⌘ Spelling B"ee"
- ⌘ Elementally, My Dear Watson
- ⌘ A Tolkien Miscellany
- ⌘ Geography
- ⌘ Crossword Clues "B"

- ⌘ Where's Mr. C?
- ⌘ Food and Drink
- ⌘ Potpourri
- ⌘ 18th century Writers and their works
- ⌘ Vocabulary
- ⌘ Revolutionary Hodge Podge

Category ideas

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Creating Clues

{ Step 2

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{ Good Clues...

- ⌘ Get tougher as the “dollar” values increase (but take it away on the 4’s and give it back on the 5’s)
- ⌘ Offer two more clues (sometimes) to the correct response
- ⌘ Are never ambiguous
- ⌘ Don’t end with a question mark
- ⌘ Fit the category they belong to

What makes a good clue?

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Sample clues

{ Using the categories above

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⌘ Though a skilled public speaker, this man earned his quiet nickname while serving as Vice President.

“C” in History

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⌘ This element, symbol Ga, is solid at room temperature but melts at about 85°F. This lead to some chemistry minded pranksters using it to make spoons that melted when they were used to stir coffee.

Elementally, My Dear Watson

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⌘ Violation of one's confidence (8)

Crossword Clues "B"

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⌘ This beverage was invented by a Waco, Texas, pharmacist in the 1880s. It's refreshing all the time, not just at 10, 2, and 4.

Food & Drink

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⌘ A farmer named Giles slew one of these fire breathing beasts long before Bilbo Baggins and the Dwarves went to the Lonely Mountain.

A Tolkien Miscellany

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Final Jeopardy!
{ Step 3

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- ⌘ The Final Jeopardy category should not have appeared anywhere in the day's game
- ⌘ The clue is tougher but should still have a couple of hints built in
- ⌘ Don't over think the final category/clue

A good final round

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- ⌘ World Geography
- ⌘ The American Revolution
- ⌘ 18th Century British Authors
- ⌘ Current Events
- ⌘ Plagues and Pestilence
- ⌘ Famous Plays

Sample Final Jeopardy Categories

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⌘ This play that is quite concerned with the English Language was, oddly enough, first performed in German in 1913.

Famous Plays

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⌘ Having First escaped a research lab in South America in 1957, these became a threat to the U.S. in 1990.

Plagues and Pestilence

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- ⌘ Initial their wagers in Final Jeopardy...it deters cheating
- ⌘ Keep the game moving!
- ⌘ Expect to spend 12-15 minutes per round... and stick to the time limit.

Hints for a smooth game

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I learned a lot about the game as a contestant...

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But the coolest thing was
being a 2-Day champion

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Let's begin the Jeopardy!
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