



# **VOTE SMART**

## **JUST THE FACTS**

### **Lesson 2 - Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Jeopardy**

#### **Standards: National Council for the Social Studies**

NCSS 5: Individuals, Groups and Institutions

NCSS 10: Civic Ideals and Practices

#### **Objectives:**

SWBAT (students will be able to) identify different types of special interest groups based on their descriptions.

SWBAT work cooperatively with team members to solve problems.

#### **Subject Matter:**

Jeopardy, Special Interest Groups

#### **Materials:**

- Jeopardy board for slideshow, could use a smart board if accessible.

#### **Procedure: (1 Day)**

##### Set:

1. The teacher will ask students for examples of special interest groups.
2. If students do not know any examples, help them by citing examples. They should have some prior knowledge from the scavenger hunt on special interest groups.
3. If they hit a wall, ask them to look some up on their mobile devices or on computers.
4. Ask what special interest groups do, and after a few answers explain that they are groups of people with similar interests. These groups endorse and rate candidates based on the way they vote on legislation, questionnaires, and sometimes public statements from that candidate. These ratings help tell voters what candidates stand for.

**Lesson Essential Question:** What are some examples of special interest groups? What issues do they stand for?

### SIGs Jeopardy:

Prior to this activity, students must do some research on special interest groups and their mission statements to get an idea of what they are going to be seeing. Follow [this](#) link to learn about SIGs.

1. Explain to students that they will be broken into 3 (or more/less depending on class size) teams. The objective is to gain as many points as possible.
2. Ask for a scorekeeper, or keep score yourself.
3. Explain the rules.
  - a. No talking when the question is being asked.
  - b. No talking when the opposing teams are giving answers. If talking occurs, there will be a 100 point deduction penalty for the perpetrators.
  - c. You may use your team as a resource to find the answer.
  - d. You may use the list of SIGs provided by the teacher to help you. No phones allowed.
  - e. Your team will have 30 seconds to answer each question. If your team goes over the time limit, the question will go to the next team. If your team gets the question wrong, the next team has the chance to steal.
  - f. Hand out the randomized list of special interest groups to help students narrow down potential answers.
  - g. Begin playing the game. Each team gets one question. If they get it right they receive points and the next team chooses a question. If they answer incorrectly, then go to the next team for a chance to steal.

### Close:

Ask students to provide some examples of special interest groups, then ask them what the special interest groups do specifically.

### Assessment:

Informally assess student participation in the Jeopardy game

### Assignment:

Work on presentations

### Self-Reflection:

## **Special Interest Groups**

American Humane Society  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
American Wilderness Coalition  
Animal Welfare Institute  
Big Cat Rescue  
Born Free USA  
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund  
Doris Day Animal League  
Food Policy Action  
National Animal Interest Alliance Trust  
Ocean Champions  
Sierra Club  
Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance  
Western Organization of Resource Councils  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Security Council Foundation  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Home School Legal Defense Association  
National Education Association  
TeacherPAC  
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages  
The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association  
The Center for Education Reform  
The Network for Public Education  
People for the American Way  
National Organization for Women  
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Liberty Guard  
Liberty for All  
League of Women Voters  
Human Rights Campaign  
Asian American Action Fund  
American Civil Liberties Union  
America's Opportunity Fund  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Peace Action  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
National Rifle Association  
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense  
Gun Owners of America

Gun Sense  
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence  
Everytown for Gun Safety  
Newton Action Alliance  
USA Engage  
Council for a Livable World  
National Foreign Trade Council  
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation  
J Street  
Citizens for Global Solution  
American Foreign Service Association