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

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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

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