



# News Bowl USA

## 5 - 15 Minute Activities

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**1. THE SPONGE GAME** - DIVIDE THE CLASS INTO TWO, THREE OR FOUR GROUPS. PLAY A 5 - 15 MINUTE CONTINUING GAME OF LAS VEGAS NEWS BOWL, PIGSKIN NEWS BOWL OR JEOPARDY NEWS BOWL. THIS SPONGE ACTIVITY CAN BE USED ONCE A DAY OR SEVERAL MINUTES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY. IF A CONTINUOUS GAME IS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, IT IS FUN TO KEEP A RUNNING SCORE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

**2. QUESTION OF THE DAY** - USE A "QUESTION OF THE MORNING" OR A "QUESTION OF THE AFTERNOON." THE ACTIVITY IS SIMPLE, BUT CONTINUALLY FOCUSES THE MINDS OF CHILDREN ON CURRENT EVENTS. EACH DAY THE TEACHER CHOOSES A QUESTION FROM THEIR NEWS BOWL WEEKLY/PRIMER AND POSTS IT IN THE ROOM. A BOX IS PLACED IN THE ROOM AND STUDENTS WRITE THEIR NAME AND ANSWER ON A SMALL PAPER AND PLACE IT IN THE BOX. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GUESS. THE TEACHER AWARDS A FUN PRIZE FOR THE RIGHT ANSWER. OTHER RULES CAN BE APPLIED SUCH AS: A STUDENT CAN'T WIN TWO TIMES IN A ROW, OR CLOSEST ANSWER WINS, OR PICK A DIFFERENT NEWS CATEGORY EACH TIME. THE TEACHER CAN ADD OTHER FUN RULES!

**3. PLAY FOR THE PRIZE** - THIS ACTIVITY BRINGS QUIET ORGANIZED CLOSURE TO YOUR CLASSROOM ON FRIDAY OR A REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. A QUESTION IS THROWN OUT TO THE CLASS AND THEY ANSWER IT BY SECRET SCRATCH PAPER WITH THE WINNER GETTING TO TAKE A SMALL GIFT PRIZE. IF STUDENTS TIE, HAVE A TIE BREAKER QUESTION READY FOR THEM. THIS ACTIVITY IS LOADS OF FUN AND SEEMS TO GET ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED EVEN IF THEY DON'T WIN THE PRIZE. **OPTIONAL:** A STUDENT MAY NOT WIN TWICE IN A WEEK.

**4. NEWS FOR NICKELS** - THIS ACTIVITY COMES FROM PAT FORD AT PINEVIEW SCHOOL IN CASPER, WY. PAT SAYS THE ACTIVITY IS "SO SIMPLE," BUT HER STUDENTS "LOVE IT." SET OUT SEVERAL NICKELS AND ASK THE CLASS A NEWS QUESTION. THE STUDENT WHO HAS THE CORRECT ANSWER FIRST GETS A NICKEL. YOU CAN CALL THE ACTIVITY "NEWS TIME FOR A DIME" IF DIMES ARE USED, OR "NEWS BITS FOR TWO-BITS" IF QUARTERS ARE USED.

News Bowl® Weekly		
<b>National News</b>		
19	What are the two main branches of the United States government?	Executive, Legislative
20	What is the name of the state that is the largest by area?	Alaska
21	What is the name of the state that is the most densely populated?	New York
22	What is the name of the state that is the most southern?	Florida
23	What is the name of the state that is the most northern?	North Dakota
24	What is the name of the state that is the most western?	Montana
25	What is the name of the state that is the most eastern?	Virginia
26	What is the name of the state that is the most central?	Illinois
27	What is the name of the state that is the most mountainous?	Colorado
28	What is the name of the state that is the most hilly?	West Virginia
29	What is the name of the state that is the most flat?	Nebraska
30	What is the name of the state that is the most desert?	Nevada
31	What is the name of the state that is the most forested?	Mississippi
32	What is the name of the state that is the most agricultural?	Iowa
33	What is the name of the state that is the most industrial?	Michigan
34	What is the name of the state that is the most technological?	California
35	What is the name of the state that is the most space-oriented?	Texas
36	What is the name of the state that is the most oil-producing?	Texas
37	What is the name of the state that is the most coal-producing?	West Virginia
38	What is the name of the state that is the most natural gas-producing?	Texas
39	What is the name of the state that is the most uranium-producing?	Nevada
40	What is the name of the state that is the most gold-producing?	California
41	What is the name of the state that is the most silver-producing?	Nevada
42	What is the name of the state that is the most copper-producing?	Arizona
43	What is the name of the state that is the most lead-producing?	Mississippi
44	What is the name of the state that is the most zinc-producing?	Arizona
45	What is the name of the state that is the most iron-producing?	Minnesota
46	What is the name of the state that is the most nickel-producing?	Nevada
47	What is the name of the state that is the most platinum-producing?	Nevada
48	What is the name of the state that is the most selenium-producing?	Idaho
49	What is the name of the state that is the most tellurium-producing?	Idaho
50	What is the name of the state that is the most vanadium-producing?	Colorado
51	What is the name of the state that is the most niobium-producing?	Colorado
52	What is the name of the state that is the most molybdenum-producing?	Colorado
53	What is the name of the state that is the most uranium-producing?	Nevada
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<b>World News</b>		
101	What is the name of the largest city in the world?	Tokyo
102	What is the name of the largest city in the United States?	New York
103	What is the name of the largest city in Europe?	London
104	What is the name of the largest city in Asia?	Tokyo
105	What is the name of the largest city in Africa?	Cairo
106	What is the name of the largest city in South America?	Sao Paulo
107	What is the name of the largest city in Australia?	Sydney
108	What is the name of the largest city in Antarctica?	McMurdo
109	What is the name of the largest city in the Arctic?	Longyearbyen
110	What is the name of the largest city in the Antarctic?	McMurdo
111	What is the name of the largest city in the Pacific?	Sydney
112	What is the name of the largest city in the Indian Ocean?	Mumbai
113	What is the name of the largest city in the Atlantic?	London
114	What is the name of the largest city in the Indian Ocean?	Mumbai
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