



ELECTORAL EDUCATION

Year 5 / 6 Activity: Election Quiz

Introduction

The aim of this activity is to test student knowledge and build teamwork skills in a fun and competitive environment. Divided into two equal teams (Team A and Team B), each team takes turns answering quiz questions within a set time limit, working to score as many points as possible.

Materials

Timer

Two print outs of the two question pages: Teacher copy of both, one copy for opposing team

2 x pens

2 x clipboard

Instructions

- Explain the aim of the activity to the class – to test democracy and election knowledge and increase teambuilding skills.
- Divide the class into two equal teams - Team A and Team B.
- Each team is to try and answer as many quiz questions as possible within a two-minute period. Allocate two members of each team: one to keep score, and one to manage the timer. Provide timer and copy of the opposing team's questions on clipboards, and pens. Do not let Team A see Team A's questions, or Team B see Team B's questions.
- Team A will answer questions first. Instruct Team A to stand in single file.
- Ask the timekeeper on Team B to set the timer for 2 minutes. Instruct the scorekeeper on Team B to put a tick or a cross for a right or wrong answer. Check all to confirm and then start.
- Ask the first student the first question. After they answer, they move to the back of the line, and the next student answers the next question. If they don't know the answer, they can pass.
- Continue rotation until the timer runs out (or if you reach the end of the questions).
- Team B's Turn. Repeat the above, with allocated members of Team A keeping score and timekeeping.
- Once Team B's turn is complete, ask the scorekeeping students to add up the total correct answers of their opposing team. Correct answers earn one point. No points for incorrect answers or passes.
- The team with the highest score wins the game.



ELECTION QUIZ – SET A			
#	QUESTION	ANSWER	TICK or CROSS
1	How many levels of government in Australia?	3	
2	What is the system of government, beginning with a “D” that Australia has?	Democracy	
3	What is the minimum age to be able to vote in Australia?	18	
4	The list of names and addresses of the people who have registered and are entitled to vote in an election is called the...	Electoral Roll	
5	True or false: If you change your name, you must update your details on the electoral roll.	True	
6	Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?	Anthony Albanese	
7	How often do we hold state elections in WA?	Every 4 years	
8	True or False: It is voluntary to vote in state elections in WA.	False	
9	How many houses does the Western Australian Parliament have?	2	
10	What is the name of the upper house of the Western Australian Parliament?	Legislative Council	
11	What colour chamber is Western Australia’s lower house?	Blue	
12	How many members are elected to the upper house in the Western Australian Parliament?	37	
13	How many questions do polling officials ask electors on polling day before marking their name off the roll?	3	
14	True or False: Australian electors are able to vote in secret.	True	
15	What was the first Australian colony where women won the right to vote?	South Australia	
16	How many ballot papers do people need to fill in on polling day in a state election?	2	
17	True or False: For the Legislative Assembly ballot paper, you must indicate your first preference by ticking the box of your favourite candidate.	False	
18	What is the name of a political party that is a colour?	The Greens	
19	What is the name of the container where voters place their votes at a polling place?	Ballot box	
20	What is the name of an early vote that is sent through the mail?	Postal vote	
21	True or False: A donkey vote is a formal vote.	True	
22	To win a preferential vote, a candidate must achieve an absolute what?	Majority	
23	What is the name given to an elector voting outside their enrolled electorate?	Absentee voter	
24	True or False: A scrutineer guards the ballot box on election day.	False	
25	True or False: Voting is an important democratic right.	True	



ELECTION QUIZ – SET B			
#	QUESTION	ANSWER	TICK or CROSS
1	How many state/territory parliaments does Australia have?	8	
2	Starting with an “R”, what is the type of democracy Australia has?	Representative	
3	A person must be an Australian what to be able to vote?	Citizen	
4	True or False: The leader of a local council is called a mayor or shire president.	True	
5	True or False: If you change your job, you must contact the Electoral Commission to update your details on the electoral roll.	False	
6	Who is the current Premier of WA?	Roger Cook	
7	In which month are state elections held in Western Australia?	March	
8	True or False: It is compulsory to vote at federal elections.	True	
9	How often do we hold federal elections in Australia?	Every 3 years	
10	What is the name of the lower house of the Western Australian Parliament?	Legislative Assembly	
11	What colour chamber is Western Australia’s upper house?	Red	
12	How many members are elected to the lower house in the Western Australian Parliament?	59	
13	True or False: Electors will be asked by polling officials how old they are when they vote on election day.	False	
14	How many times are electors allowed to vote per election?	Once only	
15	What number do electors write in a box to indicate their most preferred candidate on a ballot paper?	1	
16	True or False: Electors must show identification before getting their name marked off the electoral roll.	False	
17	Starting with a “P”, what is the name of the voting system we use for electing people to WA’s Legislative Assembly?	Preferential	
18	True or False: Schools are often polling places on election day.	True	
19	Beginning with an “L”, name one of the two major political parties in Australia?	Labor (ALP) or Liberal	
20	What do party workers hand out to electors outside polling places?	How to vote cards	
21	What time do polling places open on election day?	8am	
22	Beginning with an “S”, what is the name of the role given to a person who observes the counting of votes in an election?	Scrutineer	
23	To calculate the absolute majority in a preferential count, we need to halve the total number of votes and add what?	1	
24	True or False: If an elector leaves a ballot paper blank it is a formal vote.	False	
25	True or False: Voting is both a responsibility and a right of Australian citizenship.	True	