

Games from American History

Syllabus

Total Completion Time: Approx. 12 - 15 Hours

Objectives: *Students will be able to...*

- Identify common game principles found in games played throughout American history
- Analyze the purpose of dice in games
- Compare and contrast board games with digital games
- Recognize at least three historical elements in each game

Materials: Students should have access to game making supplies such as scissors, poster board, markers, colored pencils, white glue, rulers, straws, colored construction paper, masking tape, and playing pieces. Other materials include:

Various WWII board games
2 six (6) sided dice/3 students
1 deck of cards/2 students

1 set of **Marbles**/4 students
1 game of **Monopoly**/4 students

Modules	Activities	Est. Time
Module 1: 18th Century Games What impact did the printing press have on game design? What games were played as the colonies wrestled with becoming their own nation?	Analyze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Replicate and play <i>The Royal and Most Pleasant Game of Goose</i> 	2-3 hours
Module 2: 19th Century Games Which card games did gold miners and Civil War soldiers play? Learn to play their favorite games! What games were popular among Native Americans?	Explore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play <i>Faro</i>, the Kick Stick Race game, and the Peach Stone Bowl game 	2-3 hours
Module 3: 19th Century Children's Games How did the pioneers or children in America's growing cities spend their free time? Playing games, of course! Learn to play and modify two of their favorite games!	Prototype <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play and modify <i>Marbles, The Checkered Game of Life</i> 	2-3 hours
Module 4: 20th Century Games World War II had a dramatic impact on game design. Computers took games to a new level. What are your favorites?	Playtest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play <i>Axis and Allies, Risk</i>, or others ● Try your skill as some early arcade or computer games 	3 hours
Module 5: Games of the 21st Century Just about everyone plays video games! Which are your favorites? What makes them great games to play? Challenge your skills by modding <i>Monopoly</i> , a 20 th century game that continues to lead the popularity charts today.	Mod <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Share and play favorite video games ● Analyze the game elements of <i>Monopoly</i> and mod it for modern times 	3 hours