

Treevall™ Word Game – U.S. Presidents

Contents

- This set includes 10 unique game boards.
- Each board reveals eight out of a total of eighteen (18) last names of presidents of the United States.
- Also included in this set are 18 cards with clues and answers.
- On the front of each card is the first name (and sometimes middle name or initial) of 18 well-known U.S. presidents (**the “CLUE”**).
- On the back of card is the president’s last name (**the “ANSWER”**), along with fun and interesting presidential facts and questions for discussion.

IMPORTANT: This set does not include materials to cover names as they are called. We recommend finding some volunteers to help cut 3” x 5” black (or other dark solid color) cardboard squares to use for this purpose. Eighty (80) “blackout squares” are needed.

Game Setup

To begin, the leader (or “caller”):

1. Invites participants to sit at a table to play the Treevall™ Word Game,
2. Distributes one game board and eight blackout squares to each player,
3. Shuffles the deck of game cards.

IMPORTANT: Another goal is to let participants help as much as possible, so try to enable them to distribute game boards and blackout squares to each other. Eventually, work with a helper to enable that person to become the game leader, with you providing assistance as needed.

Game Play

1. (Caller) Select a card while keeping the other cards out of sight of the players. Say,
“I’m going to read the first part of a President’s name. Then you call out the President’s last name. If you have the called name on your board, cover it with a square. The first player to cover all of the names on their board wins the game.”
2. Read aloud the clue, which is printed on the face of the card. Show the clue to the group and repeat the clue as necessary until the correct response is given. (Be sure to keep the response on the back of the card covered.) Once the response is called, repeat it loudly enough for everyone at the table to hear.
3. Say, “If you have [ANSWER] on your board, cover it up.” Allow time for everyone to check their board and cover the response if they have it.

4. Read the fun facts and discussion questions printed on the response side of the card. **Allow plenty of time for discussion. Keep in mind, the purpose of the game is to engage and learn more about each other.**
5. Select the next card and repeat steps 2-4 until there is a winner, or until the players decide to conclude the game.

Extension

- After the participants are finished with the game round, collect the game boards and pass out three handheld signs that are colored Red (for Republican), Blue (for Democrat) or Green (for Other).
- Have residents help make these signs in advance using small white paper plates attached to tongue depressors or similar readily-available objects that can serve as handles. Both sides of the white plates are painted or covered with colored paper.
- Using the answer cards, have players vote on the party of each president one at a time. (Answers are printed on the lower left corner of the response side of the answer card.) Be sure to allow plenty of time for discussion!

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