



CURRENT EVENTS WEEKLY SWEEPSTAKES

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Organization, Rules and Procedures – PowerPoint Edition

Many of the suggestions for playing the Print Edition of Current Events are applicable to the PowerPoint Edition of Current Events. Below is a list of guidelines specifically for the PowerPoint Edition. You may also wish to review the Organization, Rules and Procedures for the Print Edition as well.

1. Divide the class into teams of equal number of students. With classes under twenty, three is a good number; with more than 20, five works well.
2. Begin by clicking on 'Game One' from the Main Menu page on the PowerPoint Game.
3. As in the Print Game, questions are arranged in five categories for 'Game One' and 'Game Two.' Each game consists of questions of differing degrees of difficulty (10, 20, 40, 80 points) followed by a Bonus question.
4. Have a team select a Category and Point Value from 'Game One'. Click on the chosen Point Value number in that category to display the question to the class.
5. For answering the questions, you can call on the first student from a team to raise their hand OR you may allow all teams to write down an answer (using whiteboards if available). If you choose to call on students, it works best to give each team a maximum of one chance to answer a question. Once a team gives an incorrect answer, they cannot answer again until the next question. This allows other teams an opportunity to play. If whiteboards are used, all teams can write an answer without penalty.
6. To display the correct answer to a question, use the mouse or space bar to click as directed. Whichever team answered the question correctly gets to choose the next Category and Point Value from 'Game One.' If no team answered the question correctly, the teacher can choose.
7. To return to the 'Game One' page, click on the small 'Game One' icon in the bottom left corner of the screen. On the 'Game One' page, the point value of the question you just asked will now be shaded a different color to indicate that question has been asked and answered.

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8. When a team answers an 80-point question correctly, they become eligible for the Bonus question in that category. These questions have a point value of 20. Only the team that answered the 80-point question correctly can attempt to answer the Bonus question. There is no penalty if the question cannot be answered.
9. When all questions have been asked and answered in 'Game One,' click on 'Main Menu' in the bottom right-hand corner. After returning to the Main Menu page, click on 'Game Two' and follow the same procedures as Game One.
10. A simple, 5-step tutorial for playing is available on the Main Menu of the PowerPoint Game—just click on the link at the bottom of the Main Menu page.

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