

AGTA MAKING GEOGRAPHY GREAT AGAIN COURSE - NOVEMBER 30TH

MAKING GEOGRAPHY FUN

Ideas to use that are non-digital

Match it

Make cards of terms and definitions eg Important Geographic Concepts or Population Terms. Put students into small groups. Students first match the pairs together. Then shuffle and place all cards face down. Take in turns to turn 2 over and try to match the pairs. If correct they keep the card and if not return to same position.

Class Dominoes

Make dominoes in which you have a question on the right and the answer on a different card. Produce enough on a topic for the number of students in the class. Shuffle and hand one out to each member of the class. Students read out their question and the student that has the answer on their card reads it out. They then read their question. Continue until all members of class have read theirs out.

Paired Crosswords

Produce a crossword on a topic ie ENE or Muriwai. Do not worry about clues. Download a copy of the answers and 2 question sheets. On one sheet fill in the across words (A) and on the other the down words (B). Pair students up and give each pair an A and B but tell them not to let each other see their crossword. They then take it in turns to give a definition of the word as a clue for their partner.

Just a Minute

On about 10 cards write down aspects of a topic you teach ie The impacts of ENE or The process of wave action. Place cards face down in a group of 3-4 students. They take turns picking up the card and have to talk for 1 minute on that topic. If they succeed they get to keep the card and if not they put to bottom of the pile.

Odd Man Out

Come up with a table with 3 columns. In each column put 3 related factors. Students have to decide which of them is the odd one out. Some will be obvious Eg Birth Rate, Natural Increase and Average Income. Others can promote discussion eg Cave, Arch and Stack.

Taboo

Create cards with an aspect of a topic at the top. Underneath write down 2 words you are NOT allowed to use when describing this word to a partner. Place cards face down in pairs. Take in turns to pick up and then describe the word without using the words listed. When partner guesses it they keep the card and it is then their turn.

True or False

Come up with a series of statements on a topic. Get the class to all stand up. You read out the statement and if it is True they raise their Right hand and if false the left. If they get it wrong they sit down. Keep going until last man left standing.

Bingo

Come up with a list of 20-25 words to do with a topic and put them on the board. Students draw up a rough grid of 9 squares on a piece of paper. They choose 9 of the words to write in each square. You

then give a definition of one of the words. If student has this word on their grid they cross it off. Repeat. First one to get a line is a winner and then first to get all 9.

Pictionary

Put students into groups of 3-4 with a blank piece of paper and a pen/pencil. Have a series of words (about 8) on cards and get them up to the front one at a time. Show them the word and they must return to their group and draw it without speaking. Once someone guesses it they then come to you tell you the answer and then give them the next word. First team to complete all 8 is the winner.

Splat

You need to purchase 2 fly swats for this game (about \$1 at the supermarket). On the whiteboard put a series of words to do with a topic. Get students up in pairs and get them to stand equal distance in front of the whiteboard each with a fly swat. Give a definition. The winner is the one to swat the correct word first.

DIGITAL GAMES

Kahoot

Always a firm favourite. Come up with a revision Kahoot on each topic.

Quizlets

Matching pairs are the best. Come up with a series of words and definitions or dates or statistics. The winner is the first to match up the quickest.

Find The Mistake

Write what looks a model answer to a section of your topic but deliberately make around 10-15 mistakes. Give each student their own copy. Using editor they need to find and correct the mistakes.

What Do You Know?

At the top of a page write the name of a topic within it eg Spatial Variations. Share with all students in class. Each student then has to add one sentence on that topic that is different to others in the class.

Geography Quiz Games

- Includes crosswords and word searches
https://www.ducksters.com/games/geography_games.php
- Also has videos on geographic skills <https://kidsgeo.com/geography-games/>
- General Quizzes <https://www.seterra.com/>
- General quizzes: <http://www.triviaplaza.com/geography-world-quizzes/>
- How many countries can you name in a time limit:
<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/interactive/2012/dec/20/geography-game-how-well-know-world>
- Where in the world am I? <http://www.geoquessr.com/>
- A great game that also helps people in the developing world!
<http://freerice.com/#/world-landmarks/1346443>
- Simple geography games to get to know the world:
<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>
- More general games: <http://www.jetpunk.com/tags/geography>