



Roll the Dice

Learning Objective: The students will

1. Process key events in American history and the thinking skills of cause and effect, summarizing, comparing, and contrasting, inferencing, and sequencing.

TEKS: Appropriate TEKS as selected

Materials Needed: Dice, Dice Explanation Cards, and Event Cards/ Hexagons/
Classroom Materials

Teaching Strategy:

1. Roll #1--Roll a number cube (die). That number determines the number of event cards (or hexagons) you will use.
2. Roll #2--Roll the number cube (die). That number determines the processing skill you will use to process the event cards or hexagons.
 - a. 1--Cause OR effect--Identify a cause or effect for each
 - b. 2--Summarize--Create a summary of each--a good summary includes information from the beginning, middle, and end)
 - c. 3--Sequence--Put the events in the correct sequence
 - d. 4--Inference--Draw an inference about each
 - e. 5--Compare--Find three significant similarities between the events
 - f. 6--Contrast--Find three significant differences between the events.

Example

- On Roll #1 you roll a 3 - This means you draw three event cards--Declaration of Independence, No taxation without representation, Winter at Valley Forge
- Roll #2 you roll a 1 that means you have the Cause OR Effect skill and you need to do that for all 3 of the events you drew.
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Cause --Patriots had been fighting the British for a year and still hadn't gotten them to acknowledge their grievances.
 - Effect--(the purpose of the war changed with the goal being the colonies would become an independent nation).

- No taxation without representation
 - Cause--the colonists were upset because the British Parliament passed several new tax laws such as the Stamp Act and Tea Act without the colonies having any representation in England.
 - Effect--The tension between the colonists and the British grew until finally war broke out with fighting at Lexington and Concord.
- Winter at Valley Forge
 - Cause--General Washington took his troops to Valley Forge for the winter because the British had occupied the city of Philadelphia.
 - Effect--The harsh winter was hard but those that survived and stayed used the time to train to become a stronger, more disciplined military.

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