

## THE SPINNER REVIEW GAME

Learning Objective(s): The students will

1. Demonstrate their understanding of history, citizenship, geography and government by playing an end-of-the-year review game.
2. Work cooperatively with classmates to achieve a common goal.
3. Verbalize their ideas based on their knowledge and experiences.

New TEKS: SS K.1, K.2A, K.5A, K.9A, K.10A,B, 1.1A, 1.2A,B, 1.3B, 1.6A, 1.13B, 1.14A-C, 2.1, 2.4A,B, 2.5A, 2.6, 2.11B, 2.12A, 2.13B, 2.14A-C

Materials Needed: Copies of the attached game spinner arrow printed on cardstock, copies of the attached spinner card printed on cardstock, metal brads, a copy of the attached Spinner Review Game Questions

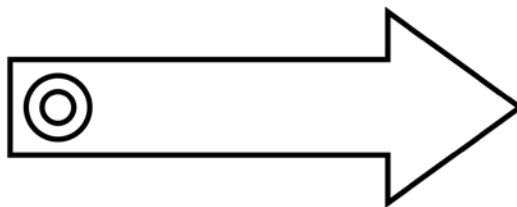
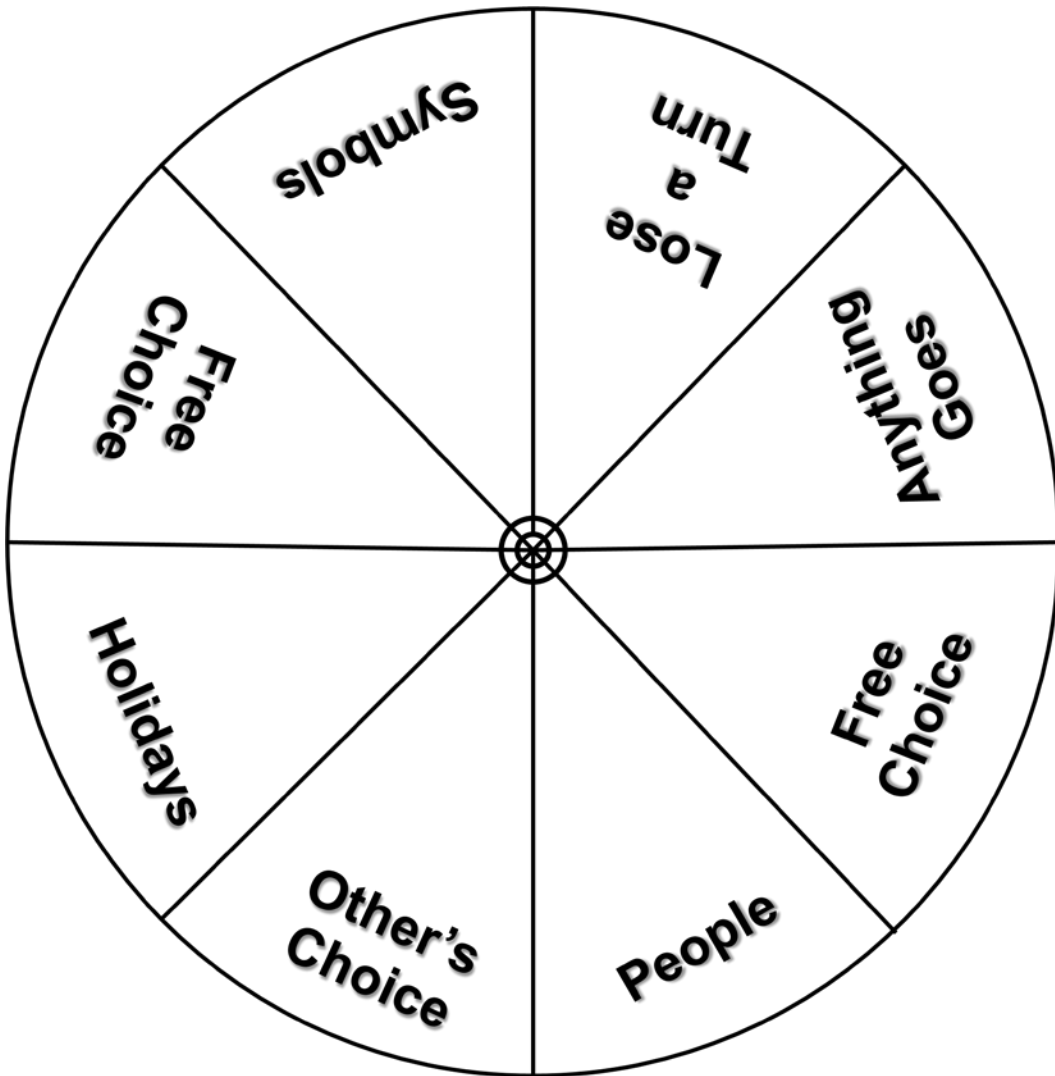
Teaching Strategy:

1. This game is perfect for the end of the school and is a fun way to review social studies concepts taught during the school year.
2. Preceding the game, assemble the game spinners by using metal brads to attach the spinner arrows to the spinner cards.
3. Divide students into teams of 4. Assign each team a number (Team #1, #2, #3, etc). Explain that students are going to be playing a game called The Spinner Review Game. Have someone on each team volunteer to be the scorekeeper.
4. Tell students that when it is their team's turn, someone from their group will spin the arrow on the team's spinner (rotate this job so everyone will get to spin the spinner) to determine what category of question they will answer. There are four categories: "Symbols," "Holidays," "People," and "Anything Goes." (These categories may be posted as a reference for students.) If the spinner stops on "Lose a Turn," the team will not get to answer a question during that round. If the spinner stops on "Other's Choice," the preceding team gets to select the category the team will answer. (For example, if Team #3 spins "Other's Choice," Team #2 gets to choose the category.) If the spinner stops on "Free Choice," the team gets to choose their own category. Correct answers are worth 1, 2, 3, or 4 points. (The harder the question the more points the question is worth.)

5. Team #1 should go first. Have someone in the group spin the spinner to determine the team's category. Read a question from the indicated or selected category and allow 30-60 seconds for the team to come up with an answer. If the team gives the correct answer, the scorekeeper should record the number of points earned. (If the correct answer is not given, it is the teacher's option to offer the question to next team as a bonus question. If the next team misses the question, then the next team may be given a chance to answer the bonus question, etc.)
6. Play then rotates to Team #2. Someone from Team#2 should spin the spinner to determine the team's category. If the team gives the correct answer, play then rotates to Team #3. Again if Team #2 does not answer the question correctly, the other teams may be given the opportunity to answer the same question for bonus points.
7. After the determined number of rounds has been played, the scorekeepers should total their team's score. The winning team should be recognized.

Extension for Gifted/Talented: Have students create their own original game boards to review other social studies concepts. Give students access to construction paper and other appropriate art supplies to create game pieces, playing cards, etc. They should also create an instruction sheet, so classmates will know how to play the game.

# GAME SPINNER



## THE SPINNER REVIEW GAME QUESTIONS

Category: **Symbols**

1. What is the national bird? (eagle) (1 point)
2. What is the large statue that sits on an island in New York Harbor? (Statue of Liberty) (1 point)
3. What country gave the United States the Statue of Liberty? (France) (3 points)
4. What is the Texas motto? (friendship) (2 points)
5. What is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC? (White House) (1 point)
6. What is the Texas state bird? (mockingbird) (1 point)
7. What is the national flower? (rose) (4 points)
8. What is the name of the national anthem? (Star-Spangled Banner) (1 point)
9. What is the name of the Texas state song? (Texas, Our Texas) (2 points)
10. What national symbol hangs in Philadelphia and has a crack in it? (Liberty Bell) (1 point)
11. What is the Texas state flower? (bluebonnet) (1 point)
12. What national symbol is a tall, white-haired man with a goatee? (Uncle Sam) (3 points)
13. What is the national motto? (In God We Trust) (4 points)
14. What is the name of one of the most famous historical landmarks in San Antonio, Texas, where a famous battle was fought? (Alamo) (2 points)
15. Where is the Texas State Capitol located? (Austin) (1 point)
16. What is the name of the monument that contains the sculptures of four U.S. Presidents? (Mount Rushmore) (4 points)

Category: **Holidays**

1. What national holiday honors our nation's birthday?  
(Independence Day or Fourth of July) (1 point)
2. Why do Texans celebrate San Jacinto Day? (To celebrate the Battle of San Jacinto, the last battle of the Texas Revolution) (4 points)
3. What national holiday honors those who have lost their lives during a war? (Memorial Day) (3 points)
4. Which national holiday originally just celebrated George Washington's birthday? (President's Day) (1 point)
5. What national holiday honors the birthday of a great civil rights leader who gave the "I Have a Dream" speech? (Martin Luther King Day) (2 point)
6. What national holiday honors the man who discovered the new world? (Columbus Day) (1 point)
7. What month do Americans celebrate Thanksgiving?  
(November) (2 points)
8. When is Texas Independence Day? (March 2) (4 points)
9. What national holiday celebrates those who fought in wars and are still alive? (Veterans Day) (3 points)
10. What Texas holiday celebrates the end of slavery?  
(Juneteenth) (4 points)
11. Who does Labor Day honor? (American workers) (3 points)
12. What holiday is celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>? (New Year's Day) (1 point)
13. What Fourth of July tradition usually happens at night when it is dark? (fireworks) (1 point)
14. What is the name of the holiday that celebrates the victory of Mexican forces over the French in the Battle of Puebla? (Cinco de Mayo) (4 points)
15. Which June holiday honors the United States flag? (Flag Day) (2 points)

Category: **People**

1. Who was the first President of the United States? (George Washington) (1 point)
2. Who is known as the “Father of Texas?” (Stephen F. Austin) (1 point)
3. Who was the first woman pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean? (Amelia Earhart) (3 points)
4. Who led the Texas army in the victory at the Battle of San Jacinto and was the first president of the Republic of Texas? (Sam Houston) (2 points)
5. In 1775 who rode across the countryside to let people know that the British were coming? (Paul Revere) (2 points)
6. Who invented the telephone? (Alexander Graham Bell) (1 point)
7. Who was born in February and became the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States? (Abraham Lincoln) (1 point)
8. Who was the African-American woman who was born a slave and became a powerful speaker for women’s rights? (Sojourner Truth) (3 points)
9. Who was the African-American scientist who discovered over 300 uses for peanuts? (George Washington Carver) (2 points)
10. Who wrote the words to the Star-Spangled Banner? (Francis Scott Key) (4 points)
11. Who invented the phonograph and the light bulb? (Thomas Edison) (1 point)
12. Who was the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice? (Thurgood Marshall) (4 points)
13. Who designed the first commercially successful steamboat? (Robert Fulton) (3 points)
14. Who was the wife of the second President of the United States and her son was the sixth President of the United States? (Abigail Adams) (4 points)
15. Who was the first Mexican American woman elected to the Texas House of Representatives? (Irma Rangel) (4 points)

Category: **Anything Goes**

1. How many stripes are on the U.S. flag? (13) (1 point)
2. Who is the President of the United States? (Barack Obama) (1 point)
3. How many days are in a week? (7) (1 point)
4. Name 2 authority figures at school. (Answers will vary) (1 point for each correct answer)
5. How many stars are on the U.S. flag? (50) (1 point)
6. Name a 3 community helpers. (Answers will vary) (1 point for each correct answer)
7. What is a model of the Earth called? (globe) (1 point)
8. What are the 4 cardinal directions? (north, south, east, west) (1 point for each correct answer)
9. What is the highest kind of land called? (mountain) (1 point)
10. What is a very large body of water called? (ocean) (1 point)
11. Who is the Governor of Texas? (Rick Perry) (4 points)
12. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. (I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.) (3 points)
13. What do you call a long body of water that flows through land? (river) (1 point)
14. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the state flag. (Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.) (3 points)
15. What is the name of our continent? (North America) (2 points)
16. What patriotic song has the words "amber waves of grain?" (America the Beautiful) (1 point)