

## SOCIAL STUDIES BRAIN TEASERS

Learning Objective(s): The students will

Apply their critical thinking skills to solve word puzzles that focus on terminology related to history, government, and/or geography.

TEKS: SS K.15A, 1.18A&B, 2.19A

Materials: Copies or an overhead transparency of the Social Studies Brain Teasers Attachment


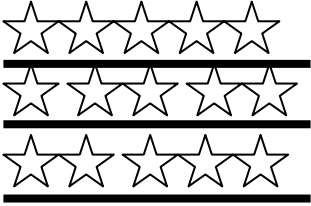
Teaching Strategy:

1. To introduce the lesson, write one of the following brain teasers on the board:
  - YOU JUST ME (just between you and me)
  - BAN ANA (banana split)
  - ESGG  
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SGGE (scrambled eggs)
  - STAND  
I (I understand)
  - PACK  
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PACK (six pack)
  - T  
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H (touchdown)
2. Challenge students to solve the brain teaser. Instruct them to look at the arrangement of the letters and try to figure out the familiar saying or phrase. Show several other examples and lead student to examine the significance of letter placement, positioning of words, etc.

3. Give students individual copies of the Social Studies Brain Teasers Attachment, show the brain teasers to the class on an overhead transparency, or give students an individual brain teaser to solve each day.
4. Tell students that all of the brain teasers are familiar terms/phrases, words, people, or places that have something to do with history, government, or geography.
5. Review the correct answers with students after they have completed the brain teaser(s).

Extension for Gifted and Talented: Have students create their brain teasers related to other concepts and/or content. Duplicate copies of the new brain teasers for everyone in the class to solve.

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<p>1.</p>  <p><b>man</b></p>	<p>2.</p> <p><b>BUILDING</b></p>	<p>3.</p> <p><b>time</b> ____</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>statesstatesstatesstatesstatesstates</p>		
<p>5.</p> <p><b>D</b>ependence <b>D</b>ay</p>		
<p>6.</p> 	<p>7.</p> <p><b>God</b> <b>nation</b></p>	<p>8.</p> <p>continents continents continents continents continents continents</p>

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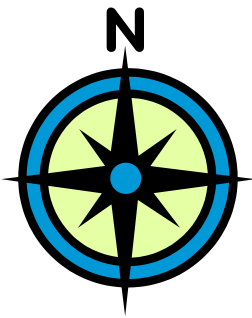
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## **SOCIAL STUDIES BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS**

1. Fireman
2. Capitol building
3. Timeline
4. United States
5. Independence Day
6. Stars and stripes
7. One nation under God
8. Seven continents
9. White House
10. Washington
11. Four seasons
12. Columbus crossing the Atlantic
13. Eye of the hurricane
14. North America
15. Downtown
16. Tuesday