



How to Prepare Students for a GeoPlunge or HistoryPlunge Tournament

Tournament Basics

- Tournaments are played in a 3 v 3 format
- Two teams play multiple games in head-to-head format in rounds that last 20 minutes
- Scoring is W-L-T format at level 1 and point based at higher levels
- At the end of regulation play, the 2 teams with the best scores compete in a final round to name the winner. Sportsmanship and teamwork awards are named too.

Teaching the Games

- It doesn't matter what order you teach the games. See game overviews below.
- At the national tournament, all games are played; at a local tournament, you can select the games you want to use
- Teach a game, play it a few days, and then teach another game, etc.
- Start combining games into rounds (i.e. play 2 games alternating back and forth for 10 minutes, then add a 3rd game and so on.)
- Introduce scorekeeping

Resources

- Watch the YouTube instructions and/or read the game instructions [Click here for the YouTube videos.](#)
- Until players know the material, provide support (i.e. copies of U.S. maps, lists of Presidents, etc.) Check our website for commonly used resources.

- ❑ Additional teacher resources are available including in-depth unit plans, card management tips, FAQs, and more
- ❑ Don't see what you need? Contact us and we'll create it for you!
- ❑ Learning Plunge has an app called Dashing States; available on iOS and Android

GeoPlunge Games

- **Border Up™**: A racing game to learn border states
- **State IQ™**: A trivia game to learn border states, state capitals and the 2-letter state abbreviations at the easiest level, and the largest cities, state nicknames, birds, flags, flowers of the states plus much more in levels 2 and 3.
- **Dashing States™**: A racing game to learn the locations of each state on a map... and capitals
- **Play the Ranks™**: A strategy/trivia game to learn state rankings in size, population, and date of entry into the union (Note: No background knowledge required in Level 1)
- **Chummy Challenge™**: An advanced trivia game to learn information about the states, territories, oceans, mountains, rivers, parks, and much more
- **Play the Border Zap™**: An advanced strategy/trivia game to learn border states

For the Combo 1 (beginner level) national tournament, the following games are played in order:

Border-Up, State IQ, Dashing States, and Play the Ranks

HistoryPlunge Games

- **HistoryPlunge Challenge™**: A trivia game to learn the "Basics" of U.S History including the who, what, when, and where plus U.S. map questions and portrait identification of Presidents and other notable people in U.S. history.
- **Dashing Presidents™**: A relay race game using portrait cards to learn the order of the Presidents
- **Date Duel™**: A trivia game to learn the year of important historical events

- **Dashing Dates™**: A racing game to learn the order in which important historical events occurred
- **Race the Presidents™**: A racing game to learn the order of the Presidents, the Presidents' political parties, and the number of terms served
- **Who's the President™**: A trivia game to learn the basic information about each President (President Number, political party, what happened during their presidencies, Vice President, first lady, etc.)
- **Play the Dates™**: A strategy/trivia game to learn the year of important historical events
- **Play the Presidents™**: An advanced strategy/trivia game to learn the President number, number of electoral votes received, or age when elected (Note: No background knowledge required in Level 1)

For the Combo 1 (beginner level) national tournament, the following games are played in order but you can change this to any order for your tournament:

Rounds 1 and 3

- Game 1: Race the Presidents™
- Game 2: Who's the President?™
- Game 3: Dashing Dates™

Rounds 2 and 4

- Game 1: Dashing Presidents™
- Game 2: HistoryPlunge Challenge™
- Game 3: Play the Dates™