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U.S. Landmarks & Monuments

Loop Cards

Instructions for Play

The goal:

In loop cards, each card contains both an answer and a question. The goal is to arrange the cards so that each question is followed by the correct answer.

For a single player:

Print the cards, cut them apart, and shuffle them thoroughly. The player's goal is to arrange the cards so that each question is followed by the correct answer (except that the first and last cards will complete each other). The player can do this by lining them up like dominoes on the table or desk, stacking them in a pile in the correct order, etc.

For classroom use:

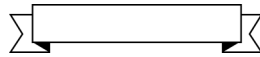
Print the cards, cut them apart, and shuffle them thoroughly. Give one card to each student. If you have fewer students than the number of cards, give some children more than one card.

Choose one student to begin by reading the question on the lower half of his or her card. Once the student has finished reading the question, the remaining students should review their cards. When someone feels he or she has the card with the correct answer, have the student stand up, raise a hand, or respond in whatever way you prefer. If the answer is correct, that student should then read his question to the class. If the answer is not correct, continue working with the students to find who is holding the correct answer. If desired, you can have the students form a line or a circle as they complete their card so you can build an actual loop in your classroom. Play continues until all questions have been answered, with the final question being answered by the student who started the loop.

Example:

One card asks the question, "What rang at the State House in Philadelphia during the struggle for independence and has become a symbol of liberty?" The correct answer is the card that says, "The Liberty Bell." The question at the bottom of the Liberty Bell card asks, "What was an immigration station in New York Harbor where immigrants were inspected and either allowed into the country or turned away?" The correct answer is the card that says, "Ellis Island."

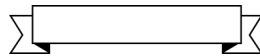
One World Trade Center



What are the initials that stand for the United States of America?

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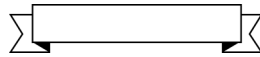
U.S.A.



What has 13 stripes to represent the original colonies and 50 stars to represent the number of states today?

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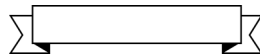
The flag of the United States



What represents strength and
has been a national symbol
of the U.S.A. since 1782?

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The bald eagle



What used to be called the State
House and is where the Declaration
of Independence was signed?

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