

## CIVICS JEOPARDY ACTIVITY GUIDE - 2024

**PURPOSE:** To test and share information about elections.

**TIME NEEDED:** 10-15 minutes

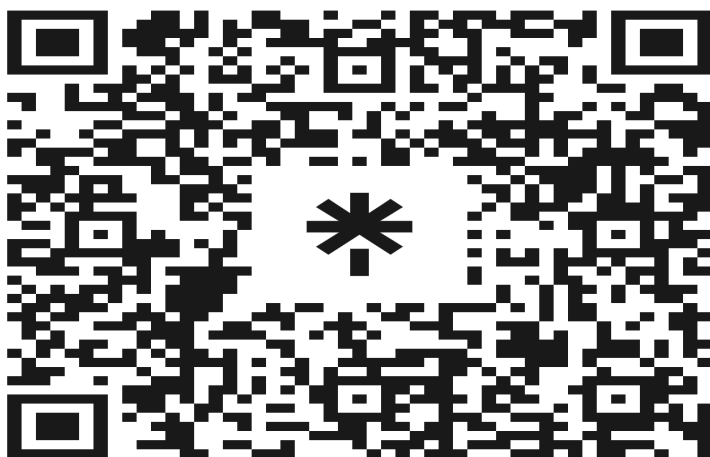
**SET UP:** If there is internet access, use this link:<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/civics-jeopardy-847>  
You can use the existing game or make a copy to add or change the questions.

If there is no internet access, create a flip chart with a jeopardy grid. The questions and answers are on the next page.

Definitions	Politicians	Elections
100	100	100
200	200	200
300	300	300

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Break into teams of 2 or 3 people
2. Ask one team to pick a category and amount
3. Read the question and listen to the answer. If the answer is incorrect, ask another team to answer.
4. Share and discuss the correct answer.
5. At the end, you can have everyone take an action step. Sharing this QR code so people can check their voter registration status, find their polling site, view a sample ballot, register to vote and/or apply to vote by mail.



## DEFINITIONS

1. **What is a primary election?** *100 points*

**ANSWER:** An election used to narrow the field of candidates, think basketball or soccer playoff games which decide which team plays in the final.

2. **What is a closed primary?** *200 points*

**ANSWER:** Only registered party members can participate in a political party's primary election.

Eligibility to vote in a primary is determined by each state and New York has closed primaries. The winner of a primary election for a statewide or federal election is the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes, even if he or she does not win more than 50 percent of votes cast. For NYC primary elections ranked choice voting is used - this voting method requires the winner to earn 50% +1 of the votes cast.

General elections are open to all registered voters.

3. **What is pre-registration?** *300 points*

**ANSWER:** In NYS citizens 16 and 17 can pre-register to vote and the Board of Elections will automatically register them when they turn 18.

## POLITICIANS

1. **Who are New York's two senators?** *100 points*

**ANSWER** Chuck Schumer. He has been in office for over 20 years. He is up for re-election this year (2024). Kirsten Gillibrand. She has been in office for over 10 years. Her term ends in 2025. They are both Democrats.

2. **How many U.S. representatives does NYS have?** *200 points*

**ANSWER** 26: 16 Democrats and 10 Republicans

3. **Who represents me?** *300 points*

**ANSWER:** Answers vary. It depends on where you live. Go to [Ballotpedia.org Who Represents Me?](https://ballotpedia.org/Who_Represents_Me?) To find out.

## ELECTIONS

1. **What offices will people be voting for in 2024?**

**ANSWER:** Federal: President, Senators and House Representatives and State Assembly and Senate. To get nonpartisan information about the candidates, Ballotpedia: Information about Elections, Elected Officials and Candidates: [ballotpedia.org](https://ballotpedia.org), League of Women Voters Candidate Guide: [vote411.org](https://vote411.org) and New York City Campaign Finance Board Candidate Guide: [nyccfb.info](https://nyccfb.info)

2. **What is early voting?**

**ANSWER:** Instead of having just one day to vote, voters get to vote over 10 days. To find out where your polling site is, visit [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov)

3. **When is New York's primary election?**

**ANSWER:** There are two! The first is April 2 - this is to vote for the party's nominee for President. The second is June 25 - this is to vote for the party's nominees for the U.S. Senate, U.S. Houses of Representatives AND for State Senate and State Assembly.