

## Lesson Plan

### **Black Hills Jeopardy!**

**Book:** *The Black Hills*

**Series:** Visit and Learn

**Level:** Beacon

### **Objective**

To help students demonstrate an understanding of key concepts and terms from a text about the Black Hills.

### **Supplies**

- *The Black Hills* book
- Whiteboard
- Dry erase markers

### **Before the Activity**

Have students read through *The Black Hills*. Draw the following chart on the whiteboard:

History	Notable Places and Events	Nature
100	100	100
200	200	200
300	300	300
400	400	400
500	500	500
600	600	600

### **Activity**

*The Black Hills* describes one of the most notable landmarks in the United States. Have students play a game of *Jeopardy!* to review terms and details from the book. Divide students into three or four teams. On each team's turn, its members can choose a category and number from the chart on the whiteboard. You will read the corresponding clue out loud. Team members have 30 seconds to decide on an answer. They should format the answer as a question. For example, if the clue said, "A group of mountains in South Dakota." The correct answer would be "What are the Black Hills?"

## History

- 100: This metal was found in the Black Hills in 1874. (What is gold?)
- 200: This was the cause of many Indigenous peoples' death in the 1800s (What is disease?)
- 300: This US government branch decided that the US had to pay the Lakota Nation more than \$100 million in 1980. (What is the Supreme Court?)
- 400: Pahá Sápa means "Black Hills" in this language. (What is Lakota?)
- 500: White settlers began to arrive in the Black Hills during this century. (What is the 1800s?)
- 600: The US government made a treaty with the Lakota in this year. (What is 1868?)

## Notable Places and Events

- 100: This monument features the faces of four US presidents. (What is Mount Rushmore?)
- 200: This Indigenous leader is carved into a mountain in the Black Hills. (Who is Crazy Horse?)
- 300: This event is held in the Black Hills every October. (What is the Black Hills Powwow?)
- 400: This is the largest city in the Black Hills. (What is Rapid City?)
- 500: This is the name of a ghost town in the Black Hills. (What is Four Mile?)
- 600: This mine in the Black Hills is now a scientific laboratory. (What is the Homestake Mine?)

## Nature

- 100: Indigenous people used this animal for food, clothes, and shelter. (What are bison?)
- 200: This cave is known for the sparkling rocks on its walls. (What is Jewel Cave?)
- 300: These dark-colored trees make the mountains in the Black Hills look black. (What are pine trees?)
- 400: Fossils of this extinct animal were found in 1974. (What are mammoths?)
- 500: This state park is home to many bison. (What is Custer State Park?)
- 600: This cave is known for the breezes that blow through its entrance. (What is Wind Cave?)

## Evaluation

The team with the most points at the end of the activity wins. If you need a tiebreaker, use the following clue:

- At Mount Rushmore, this president's head has a secret tunnel behind it. (Who is Abraham Lincoln?)

## Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 3 (RI 3.2, 3.5).