

Instructions for Local Government Jeopardy!

The "Local Government Jeopardy Power Point" is available in the Database of K-12 Resources. Some school district's browser settings will not allow PPT files to open; if you are unable to access this PPT, e-mail CarolinaK12@unc.edu for an electronic copy.

- Divide the class into three to six groups of equal size.
- The team with the youngest person selects the first question.
- After the first question is selected, teams will have one minute to attempt to answer the question. When a team knows the answer to the question, a representative from the team raises his/her hand. The team will then have 15 seconds to attempt to answer the question.
- All questions will be answered in the form of a question.
- If the team answers correctly, it earns the points indicated by the question and gains control of the board, allowing its members to select the next question. If the team answers incorrectly or if time runs out, the question goes back to the other teams to answer, who have thirty seconds to answer the question. If no team answers the question correctly, no points are awarded, and the team in control of the board retains control.
- First round play continues in this manner until all questions are exhausted or until time runs out. If time runs out during a question, the team can finish answering the question before second round play begins.
- Play in the second round is the same as the first. The team with the lowest point total at the end of round one starts with control of the board. Point values are doubled in the second round. Play continues in the second round until all questions are exhausted or until time runs out. If time runs out during a question, the team can finish answering the question before second round play begins.
- For teacher reference, the attached "answer key" contains all of the questions and answers provided in the current PPT. Teachers are encouraged to change the questions as they see fit.

Jeopardy Question List & Answers

ROUND 1 QUESTIONS

Local Government and You	NC Municipalities	NC Counties	Public Services
20 What are the three levels of government?	20 Why do local governments enact building codes?	20 The services that the state requires counties to provide are what services?	20 When government hires businesses to perform a public service, this is known as what?
40 People who live within a city or within the limits of a town are citizens of the what?	40 The creation of a new town is known as what?	40 The area outside the town limits is called the _ area?	40 When local governments charge for a local service, the charge is known as a what?
60 State and local governments cannot pass laws that contradict the _____?	60 State governments set up cities and towns as municipal _____?	60 Where are official records of births, deaths, and property kept?	60 Water collecting underground is ____ water and water from rivers and reservoirs is ____ water?
80 Which clause in the Constitution spells out that state and local governments cannot pass laws that contradict the national Constitution?	80 Which official presides over the governing board and is the spokesperson for the town?	80 What board oversees the county budget and allocates county funds?	80 Who investigates traffic accidents on rural roads and highways?
100 Who decides the programs and policies of local government?	100 Extending the boundary of a municipality is known as what?	100 Which program pays for the medical expenses for those with lower incomes? What is the qualifying test called?	100 What is the best way to resolve our solid waste disposal problem?

Round I Answers

Local Government and You	NC Municipalities	NC Counties	Public Services
national, state and local	to regulate construction and reduce hazards to health and safety	mandated	privatization
municipality	incorporation	unincorporated	user fee
Constitution	corporations	court house	ground, surface
Supremacy Clause	mayor	county commissioners	State Highway Patrol
elected officials	annexation	Medicaid, means test	to refrain from creating it

ROUND 2 QUESTIONS

Improving the Community	Regulating Harmful Behavior	Paying for Local Government	Making Government Work
20 What kinds of programs identify and protect buildings and areas which have special significance in a community?	20 What type of laws requires owners to control their pets?	20 A portion of what kind of taxes is known as "Powell Bill" funds?	20 What is hiring on the basis of family connections called?
40 What is infrastructure?	40 To what do "blue laws" refer?	40 What is the largest expenditure of the county budget?	40 The state of NC promotes hiring on the basis of qualifications or what?
60 What do local chambers of commerce do?	60 Voters may submit a petition to propose an ordinance in a procedure called _____?	60 States borrow money by issuing _____?	60 What were the segregation laws called?
80 Domestic violence is a crime of _____?	80 When voters approve or reject an ordinance, it is known as a _____?	80 Who determines the property tax rate?	80 When are elections for members of the city council and mayor held?
100 What club is active in preserving wildlife and clean water?	100 What set up restrictions exist on the use of land and may regulate where houses and businesses are located?	100 What is the county's largest source of revenue?	100 Name the amendments that enfranchised black males, women and 18 year olds.

ROUND 2 KEY

Improving the Community	Regulating Harmful Behavior	Paying for Local Government	Making Government Work
historic preservation	leash laws	gasoline	nepotism
basic services - roads and bridges, water and sewer lines	keeping stores open on Sunday	education	merit
promote business	initiative	bonds	Jim Crow laws
assault	referendum	county commissioners	odd-numbered years
Sierra Club	zoning laws	property tax	15, 19, 26