

HORSE POWER

EDUCATOR GUIDE

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From the film:

We are introduced to wild horses and how America is the birthplace of the world's horses.

Activity Overview:

Students will learn key facts about wild horses, their names, history, behavior, and habitat, and demonstrate what they know through a fun, fast-paced trivia challenge.

MATERIALS

- Printed trivia questions (or large question cards)
- Pens or pencils
- Scoreboard (whiteboard, chalkboard, or paper)
- Optional: small prizes or stickers for winning teams

GAME SETUP

- Divide students into teams of 3–5. (If your group is small, students can play individually.)
- Give each team a team name.
- Explain that they'll compete to see who knows the most about America's wild horses.



ROUNDS:

ROUND 1: QUICK-DRAW QUIZ (10 MIN)

- Read each trivia question aloud.
- Teams write their answers on a small whiteboard or paper.
- After 10 seconds, everyone holds up their answers.
- Correct answers = 1 point.

ROUND 2: "FACT OR FICTION" SHOWDOWN (5-7 MIN)

- Read a series of statements aloud.
- Teams hold up a "Fact" or "Fiction" card (or raise hands for each).
- Discuss each answer briefly before revealing the truth.

BONUS ROUND: "WILD HORSE LIGHTNING" (5 MIN)

- Ask rapid-fire questions with no multiple choice.
- Teams shout out the answers. The first correct answer gets the point.

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- After the game, spend a few minutes talking as a group:
- What was the most surprising thing you learned about wild horses?
- What questions do you still have?

QUESTIONS FOR EACH ROUND

Round 1: Quick-Draw Quiz (10 min)

Question: Wild horses in the United States are often called:

- a) Broncos
- b) Mustangs
- c) Colts
- d) Stallions

Answer: **b) Mustangs**

FUN FACT:

The word “mustang” comes from the Spanish word mestengo, meaning “wild” or “untamed.”

Question: What is a group of wild horses called?

- a) Pack
- b) Herd
- c) Band
- d) Troop

Answer: **c) Band**

FUN FACT:

A band usually has one stallion, several mares, and their foals.

Question: Where do most wild horses in the U.S. live?

- a) National parks b) Zoos
- c) America's public lands d) Backyards

Answer:

c) America's public lands.

Wild horses live in 10 western states.

FUN FACT:

Public lands are wide, open spaces managed by the government, mostly in the western U.S.

Question: What is a young horse called?

- a) Foal b) Mustang c) Donkey d) Mule

Answer:

a) Foal

FUN FACT:

A foal is a horse under one year old.

Question: What is the main food wild horses eat?

- a) Fish b) Grass c) Insects d) Fruit

Answer:

b) Grass

FUN FACT:

Wild horses are grazers. They spend much of their day eating grasses and shrubs.

QUESTIONS FOR EACH ROUND

Round 2: “Fact or Fiction” Showdown (5-7 min)

Question: Mustangs are native to North America.

Answer: Fact

Question: Foals are leaders of the band.

Answer: Fiction

Question: Wild horses help other animals by digging water holes.

Answer: Fact

Question: A million years ago wild horses migrated to Asia.

Answer: Fact

Question: A wild horse’s teeth stops growing when they reach age 5.

Answer: Fiction: Horses’ teeth never stop growing.

Question: Bachelor stallions are young or non-dominant males that live together.

Answer: Fact! Bachelor bands are like “practice groups” where stallions learn social skills before joining or leading a family band.

QUESTIONS FOR EACH ROUND

Bonus Round: "Wild Horse Lightning" (5 min)

Question: What do horses use to communicate with each other?

- a) Only neighing
- b) Body language and sounds
- c) Writing messages
- d) Only Stomping feet

Answer: **b) Body language and sounds**

FUN FACT:

Horses use their ears, tails, and posture to "talk" to each other.

Question: Where do wild horses live?

- a) Habitat
- b) Corral
- c) Barn
- d) Track

Answer: **a) Habitat**

FUN FACT:

A habitat provides food, water, shelter, and space for wild horses to survive.