

Classroom Application: Student Games and Play Worksheet

Name: _____ Date _____

1. Games Write down all the games and kinds of play that you remember now or when you were younger. Don't forget pretend play, travel games, cards, video games, and board games. You may use the back of this sheet.

2. Folk Groups Write down the different groups of people you've played with, such as neighbors or school friends. These are what folklorists call folk groups.

3. Landscapes and Boundaries

List places where you have played games. Write or draw descriptions of a place where you played. Include boundaries. You may use the back of this sheet.

4. Young People at Play in Your Community

On a separate sheet, draw a picture or write a story about a memory of childhood play. Share the written story or the story of your picture with a partner. The partner should listen carefully and ask at least two questions. Write down the questions but don't answer them yet! Switch. After you've both shared, return to the questions. Do the answers deepen the story? Do your stories say anything about being from your community? Pairs should share their stories with the class.

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Classroom Application: Adult Games and Play Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Now that you and classmates have collected games that you play, interview some adults about what they played when they were young. When interviewing others, remember to be polite and thank them for their time. A suggested interview form to copy for each interview follows. Add other questions you'd like to ask. If you run across an unfamiliar game, ask about it and report back to the class. Choose at least one game to ask about in detail.

Name of Person Interviewed _____

Interviewee agrees this interview may be shared in educational settings. Yes _____

Birth Year _____ Female _____ Male _____

Birthplace _____

Childhood Home (if different) _____

1. Games Played as a Child (list games, use a separate sheet if necessary).

2. Write a detailed description of at least one game you collect. Include rules, number of players, boundaries, who played it, special memories (use the back of this sheet or a separate sheet).

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