

BOARD GAMES IN EDUCATION: STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING STUDENTS

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Course Duration: one week, from Monday to Saturday, 30 hours

Number of Participants: Min. 6 – Max. 20

Course location: BRAGA and PORTO

DESCRIPTION

This course aims to provide teachers with valuable tools and strategies for enhancing student engagement, promoting critical thinking and creativity, and supplementing curriculum in a fun and interactive way through the use of board games. Participants will learn about the history and evolution of board games, as well as their educational benefits in the classroom. They will also have the opportunity to play a variety of modern board games and create their own board game based on a specific subject or topic.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the history and evolution of board games
- Identify the educational benefits of board games in the classroom
- Connect board games to practice language skills, math skills, cooperative skills, resource management, communication skills, bluff, negotiation, history, geography, etc.
- Incorporate board games into lesson plans and curriculum
- Create a board game based on a specific subject or topic

PROGRAM

Monday

- Introduction to the course and participants
- Overview of the history and evolution of board games
- Discussion of the educational benefits of board games in the classroom

Tuesday

- Group work: connecting to board games. The group will play a variety of modern board games to assimilate and discuss the possibilities and power of board games. They will connect board games to practice language skills, math skills, cooperative skills, resource management, communication skills, bluff, negotiation, history, geography, etc.
- Discussion of ways to incorporate board games into lesson plans and curriculum

Wednesday

- Group work: connecting to board games. The group will continue to familiarize themselves with a variety of modern board games to assimilate and discuss the possibilities and power of board games. They will connect board games to practice language skills, cooperative skills, resource management, communication skills, bluff, negotiation, history, geography, etc.
- Hands-on activity: creating a board game based on a specific subject or topic

Thursday

- Hands-on activity: continue the work of creating a board game based on a specific subject or topic

Friday

- Guided cultural tour of the historic centre of Porto

Saturday

- Six bridge cruises – Rabelo boat
- Portuguese culture: Port wine tasting