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Watch your students “come alive” with technology!

Kahoot is designed as a technology-based classroom response system which can be used with virtually any electronic device. Students are engaged and compete against other students in the class to answer questions. At the end of each question, teachers can see how many students answered the question correctly. In addition, the top 5 student’s names are displayed on a leaderboard.

Teachers have access to public Kahoots, which other teachers have created, or, since oftentimes there are no public Kahoots available for certain themes, teachers can create their own with questions using material directly from the lessons they are teaching. . Students enjoy seeing his/her own name on the board. (Make sure to use at least one question from every student during a game so that all students are included.)

Students can also create their own questions with 4 answers (the correct answer circled). Then, the teacher chooses questions from the student-created Kahoots and creates one. Teachers can also put the student’s first name on the board to show who created that question.

FYI.....Video clips or picture prompts can be included as part of the questioning.

Teachers have the option to share their own Kahoots with other teachers by designating it as “public” or may choose “private”. Of course, it’s always best to choose “private” if students’ names are included.

Since teachers are always looking for ways to have students answer “WHY” and “HOW” questions, it’s a great idea to enhance the questioning. Since most Kahoots ask a simple question, a follow-up question could be “Why did the answer to the last question NOT make sense?” There are many ways that the questions can be tweaked so the games include more critical thinking. And, why not include a question related to the essential question?

For easy instructions to set up your Kahoot activity and see a game in action, view the following Quickcast:

<http://blog.getkahoot.com/post/58414871495/how-to-play-a-game-of-kahoot-this-quickcast>

Final notes :

1. If more than one teacher is teaching the same material (i.e. a novel, math concept, etc.), why not share a Kahoot with another teacher in the school?
2. Kahoot is very user-friendly.
3. It is designed to supplement and enhance the lessons you are teaching.
4. To get started and create an account for free, go to: <https://getkahoot.com/>