



Free Resource for Teachers

Six Thinking Hats® Classroom Activity

Card Game

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Instructions

The game pieces consists of **100 blue hat topic cards** and **70 blue hat call for thinking cards** which are included in this document.

For each game you will:

- Make two decks of cards on heavy card stock. One deck will be **blue hat topic cards** and one deck will be **blue hat call for thinking cards**.
- Provide a timer
- Provide a score sheet

To play the game:

- You can break the class into teams of 4-5 students per team.
- Give each team a set of card decks—blue hat topic cards and blue hat call for thinking cards, a timer, and a score sheet.
- Explain how they will play the game:
 - One person on each team will be the timer
 - Each turn is one minute
 - The person whose turn it is, draws a blue hat topic card and reads it to the group
 - The timer draws a blue hat call for thinking card and asks that person to generate thinking based on the card drawn
 - For each correct answer the person earns one point. They have one minute to generate as many correct answers as they can

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Teacher Notes: you will also have your own ideas.

Demonstrate the game for the class to model examples of each of the thinking hats.

Ask for a volunteer. Draw a blue hat topic card and read it to the class. Draw a blue hat call for thinking card and ask the volunteer for their thinking on the topic based on the card drawn and ask for someone to time one minute. Repeat a few times.

For Example:

Blue Hat Topic Card: Wheelchairs are free.

Blue Hat Call for Thinking Card: Yellow Hat/Black Hat/Green Hat

Ask for yellow hat thinking—what are the benefits of providing free wheelchairs?

Ask for black hat thinking—what would make it difficult to provide free wheelchairs?

Ask for green hat thinking—what ideas do you have to solve the black hat problems?

Wild Card: The timer can ask for any of the six thinking hats.

One of Each Card: the person has to offer at least one response for each of the thinking hats.

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Blue Hat Topic

Peace making is a mandatory subject at all schools around the world.

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Blue Hat Topic

Everyday is a school day.

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Blue Hat Topic

Suppose there is no internet.

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Blue Hat Topic

You can fly around the world in two hours.

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Blue Hat Topic

The telephone hasn't been invented yet.

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Blue Hat Topic

Below average science students are required to teach science to lower grades.

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Blue Hat Topic

Only high school graduates can earn a drivers license.

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Blue Hat Topic

There is only one TV station.

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Blue Hat Topic

Money does not exist.

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Blue Hat Topic

Your eyes change color depending upon your mood.

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Blue Hat Topic

Hawaii is the new capital of the United States.

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Blue Hat Topic

Vegetables are more delicious than chocolate.

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Blue Hat Topic

There is a sugar shortage around the world.

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Blue Hat Topic

Backpacks only hold 2 pounds.

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Blue Hat Topic

Everyone lives 2 blocks from their school.

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Blue Hat Topic

Citizens pay a \$500 fine for not voting in an election.

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Blue Hat Topic

You have to be 21 years old to eat chocolate.

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Blue Hat Topic

You have to be 50 years old to get a drivers license.

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Blue Hat Topic

School text books are only available on CD and DVD.

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Blue Hat Topic

School buses are banned.

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Blue Hat Topic

Wheelchairs are free.

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Blue Hat Topic

T-shirts disintegrate after 3-days.

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Blue Hat Topic

Children decide what music gets produced.

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Blue Hat Topic

You can bring your pets to school every Friday.

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Blue Hat Topic

Each person must live in another country for 10 years any time after they are 21 years old.

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Blue Hat Topic

You can only shop on the internet.

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Blue Hat Topic

More people travel for vacation to India than anywhere else in the world.

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Blue Hat Topic

You can get a part time job when you are 7 years old.

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Blue Hat Topic

Only children under 18 are allowed to vote in elections.

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Blue Hat Topic

Students take turns preparing school lunches in the cafeteria kitchen.

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Blue Hat Topic

Students are guaranteed entry to any College or University of their choice.

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Blue Hat Topic

Teachers give gifts to students at the end of the school year.

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Blue Hat Topic

Everyone has the same color of hair.

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Blue Hat Topic

English is only spoken at home.

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Blue Hat Topic

Each student must run 200 miles every school year.

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Blue Hat Topic

College and University are free.

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Blue Hat Topic

Parents can watch their kids' classes via video conferencing.

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Blue Hat Topic

Everyone can speak 5 languages.

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Sports are played at school between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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Blue Hat Topic

Every class chooses a local charity to support.

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Blue Hat Topic

People rotate jobs so they work a different job each day.

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Blue Hat Topic

Teachers are not allowed to assign homework.

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Blue Hat Topic

Children under 10 don't pay any tax on their purchases at stores.

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Blue Hat Topic

Every gas car or truck sold after 2020 will go 500 miles on one gallon of gas.

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Blue Hat Topic

All children are raised by their grandparents.

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Blue Hat Topic

Admission to movie theatres is free.

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Citizens decide how the government is to spend their tax money.

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Blue Hat Topic

Grocery stores only sell groceries.

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Blue Hat Topic

The Beatles are the only musicians in the world.

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Blue Hat Topic

You are not allowed to throw anything in the garbage. Everything is recycled.

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Blue Hat Topic

You go to school all night instead of all day.

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Blue Hat Topic

All books have the same cover.

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Paper is more expensive than gold.

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Blue Hat Topic

People never get sick.

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Blue Hat Topic

Every student serves on a global affairs committee before graduating.

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Blue Hat Topic

You pay a separate electricity fee for each item you plug in.

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Blue Hat Topic

Every home has a library and a librarian.

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Blue Hat Topic

Every student must pass a personal financial planning class before graduating high school.

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Blue Hat Topic

All the ice in the world melts.

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All schools are boarding schools and you only go home once a month.

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Vending machines at schools only sell fresh fruit.

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Students hand in marks for their teachers to the school principle.

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It is illegal to sell pizza.

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Blue Hat Topic

The weather is the same every day.

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You get the day off school on your birthday.

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Students decide on school trips rather than teachers.

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Only Italian food is served in restaurants.

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You can talk during class to your class mates when your teacher puts a pencil behind her ear.

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You are paid only once a year.

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You are assigned a career as soon as you are born.

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Convicted speeders must install a device in their vehicle that limits its speed.

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Blue Hat Topic

What if the wheel had never been invented?

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Blue Hat Topic

You must make a trip to Alaska before you are 25.

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Blue Hat Topic

Candy is only eaten on special occasions.

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Blue Hat Topic

Red is the best color.

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Blue Hat Topic

Each student must learn to play a musical instrument.

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Blue Hat Topic

What if cell phones had never been invented?

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Blue Hat Topic

It is customary to eat dessert first.

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Blue Hat Topic

Every school has a group of students that design the fashions for the school year.

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Parents have to take the same tests as their kids.

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The fountain of youth is discovered in Ireland.

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Snakes are dying around the world.

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Spiders are on the endangered species list.

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Blue Hat Topic

Your arms are twice as long as your legs.

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Blue Hat Topic

You make money every time your name is mentioned.

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Ice cream is more nutritious than carrots.

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Denmark has the happiest people in the world.

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Blue Hat Topic

People can see better in the dark than in the light.

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Blue Hat Topic

You can sleep with your eyes open.

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Blue Hat Call for Thinking Card



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Wild Card

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