Row Races with Vocabulary Words

GRADE LEVEL: GRADES K-12

Instructions: Row Races is a game that encourages students to use their vocabulary and creative writing skills. Divided into teams of four, students will use a *Row Races with Vocabulary Words* handout to create a cohesive story using vocabulary words listed on the board. Sitting in their "row" students will take turns writing a sentence that logically continues the story and uses the next vocabulary word in the list. The *Row Races with Vocabulary Words* handout should be passed from teammate to teammate until the story is complete. The first row to finish wins!

Once all teams have finished and the game concludes, each row will review their sentences for errors in usage and then orally publish their story.

Teacher Prep: Number and list 20-25 vocabulary words on the board. Using the first vocabulary word, write a sentence that all row teams (four students per team) will use to kick off their group story. Print and pass out the appropriate number of *Row Races with Vocabulary Words* handouts.

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Instructions: Welcome to the vocabulary races! The object of the Row Races is to be the first team to use all of the vocabulary words (listed on the board) in sentences that create a cohesive group story. The first sentence of your group story has been provided and should be written below. Using the first sentence as inspiration, each student in your group will take turns writing a sentence that should logically continue the story by using the next vocabulary word in the list. Please circle the vocabulary word in each sentence. The first row to finish their story using all of the listed vocabulary words, wins!