



## Teacher Lesson Plan Idea

# Famous Friends Arkansas and Others

- FRAMEWORK(s):** H.6.2.3, H.6.3.2
- GRADE LEVEL(s):** Designed for grades 2 and 3, but can be adapted for grades K - 8
- TASK:** Students shall analyze significant ideas, events, and people in world, national, state, and local history and how they affect change over time.
- Be the first player to cover five squares horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
- APPROXIMATE TIME:** Three to four class periods
- MATERIALS:** pre-printed bingo card with famous persons' names in squares and a free square in the center for each student  
Handout #1  
One copy of the names with descriptions sheet should be cut apart to use as 'Fact Cards.'  
Paper 'chips' to use on bingo card  
Free square should be covered
- PROCEDURE:**
1. Students will be instructed to randomly choose names from the list. Students should review the description but write only the name. These should be collected before playing the game.
  2. Fact cards are shuffled and placed in a stack, face down.
  3. The teacher is the first caller and chooses from the stack and reads the fact from the card.  
*For easy play—Read both the header and the fact.*  
*For harder play—Read only the fact and players use their skills to locate the matching square on their card.*
- After each card, the caller lines up the card to verify the winner at the end.
4. Players check their cards after each call to see if the correct name appears on their board. If it does, the square is covered with a chip.
  5. Play continues until a player gets five squares in a row.

Player then yells out, “BINGO” and the caller verifies the win.  
The winner becomes the new caller.

## ***Famous Friends – Arkansans and Others***

### GAME BOARD

1. Bill Doolin                      An outlaw with the Wild Bunch who specialized in robbing banks, trains, and stagecoaches in Arkansas in the 1890s; captured in Eureka Springs
2. Quapaws                        Native American tribe in the Arkansas River Valley when Europeans came;
3. David Pryor                    Governor from 1975 to 1979 and U.S. Senator for 18 years; born in Camden in 1934
4. Mark Pryor  
in 1963                              Son of David Pryor; current U.S. Senator from Arkansas; born in Fayetteville
5. Jermain Taylor                Middleweight boxing champion born in Little Rock
6. Johnny Cash                    “Man in Black” Country Music singer from Kingsland, Arkansas, in the Gulf Coastal Plain
7. Arkansas Traveler            Fictional character who is in a famous Arkansas Legend about northwest Arkansas
8. Catherine Tharp Altvater    Watercolor artist who retired to Scott and lived for ten years
9. William Fulbright            U.S. Senator who started program to allow students to study overseas; graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in 1925
10. Forrest Wood                Invented Ranger Boat, America’s number one bass boat; born in Flippin
11. John Grisham                Jonesboro lawyer who became a best-selling author
12. Sequoyah                      Inventor of the Cherokee Alphabet; moved to Arkansas near Perryville with his tribe
13. Fred Graham                Little Rock native who served as CBS News law correspondent and won three Emmy Awards for his coverage of the Watergate Scandal
14. William T. Dillard           Little Rock founder of a successful retail department store
15. Cephas Washburn           A famous Arkansas religious leader who worked in Benton County
16. Charlie May Simon           Wrote many books for elementary school students and has award named for her; born on her great-grandmother's farm in Drew County, Arkansas, on August 17, 1897
17. Albert Pike                   Confederate military officer who settled in Arkansas in 1833, taught school,

and wrote articles for the Little Rock *Arkansas Advocate*

18. Daisy Bates Helped lead the integration of Little Rock Central High School in 1957
19. Wayland Holyfield Songwriter from Little Rock who wrote “Arkansas, You Run Deep in Me”
20. Mark Martin Racecar driver on the NASCAR circuit who was born in Batesville
21. J.B. Hunt Founder of a trucking company in Lowell, Arkansas
22. Mike Beebe The current Arkansas governor; born in Amagon, in Jackson County
23. Maurice “Footsie” Britt Carlisle-born professional football player and World War II hero who became lieutenant governor
24. Bill Clinton Governor who became President; born in Hope
25. Hillary Clinton Former First Lady of Arkansas who lived in Little Rock and who became a Democratic contender for President in the Primary elections of 2008
26. Glen Campbell Singer/songwriter from Delight who recorded “Wichita Lineman” and “By the Time I Get to Phoenix”
27. Floyd Cramer Pianist who recorded “Last Date” which became a top piano solo; raised in Huttig in Union County, Arkansas
28. Al Green Singer and Grammy Award winner for Best Soul Gospel Performer; born in Forrest City
29. Scott Joplin Texarkana composer noted for ragtime music; wrote “The Entertainer” in 1902
30. Alan Ladd Hot Springs born actor whose career was mainly in western and adventure films; known best for role as mysterious stranger in “Shane”
31. Dick Powell Director, producer, and actor born in Mountain View
32. Mary Steenburgen Academy Award-winning actress from North Little Rock who was discovered by Jack Nicholson
33. Jerry Van Dyke Comedian who starred as Luther in television series “Coach” who opened retail stores and a community theater in Benton, Arkansas
34. Maya Angelou Poet, actress, and singer from Stamps who wrote the autobiography “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings”
35. John Daly Professional golfer from Dardanelle
36. Jerry Jones Millionaire owner of the Dallas Cowboys football team who was a former University of Arkansas in Fayetteville Razorback football player

37. Sidney Moncrief                      Former NBA stand-out guard for Milwaukee Bucks; born in Little Rock in 1957
38. Scottie Pippen                      Professional basketball player who for NBS Champion Chicago Bulls during the 1990s; born in Hamburg in 1965
39. Isaac C. Parker                      The “Hanging Judge” who heard over 13,000 cases in his Ft. Smith courtroom
40. Hattie Caraway                      First woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate; from Jonesboro
41. Orval Faubus                         Six-term governor known for his stand to keep African-American students from entering Central High School in 1957; born in northwest Arkansas in 1887
42. Winthrop Rockefeller              Adopted Petit Jean Mountain as home and became the first Republic elected governor of Arkansas since the Civil War
43. John H. Johnson                    Published who founded Negro Digest in 1942 followed by Ebony and Jet magazines; born in Arkansas City in 1918
44. Don Tyson                            Former Northwest Arkansas chairman of largest poultry processing company in U.S.
45. Sam Walton                           Northwest Arkansas founder of Wal-Mart Stores
46. E. Fay Jones                         Born in Pine Bluff; architecture professor who was one of world’s greatest contemporary architects in 1989

ENRICHMENT:

## *To Which Arkansas Region Am I Connected?*

1. Use a Arkansas Map showing the six geographical regions. Which region do you think will have more “Famous People With Arkansas Connections” than any other region? Why?
2. Use the list of “Famous Persons with Arkansas Connections.” Decide in which region the person has his/her Arkansas connection. Computer access will be required to locate unknown Arkansas cities and/or counties.
3. Put the number found beside the person in the region to which he/she belongs. Check this before having students make the graph. Allow students to make corrections.
4. Create a bar graph of the information. The horizontal axis should be the geographical six regions. The vertical axis should be labeled “Number of Famous Persons with Arkansas Connections” and should be labeled beginning with 0, 1, 2, 3, up to 15.
5. Give the graph a title.
6. Count the number of famous persons from each geographical region. Create a bar on the graph to show number from each region.



## *To Which Arkansas Region Am I Connected?*

### ANSWERS

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Bill Doolin              | Ozark Mountains     |                                      |                       |
| 2. Quapaws                  | Arkansas Valley     | 25. Hillary Clinton<br>(Little Rock) | Arkansas River Valley |
| 3. David Pryor              | Gulf Coastal Plain  | 26. Glen Campbell                    | Ouachita Mountains    |
| 4. Mark Pryor               | Ozark Mountain      | 27. Floyd Cramer                     | Gulf Coastal Plain    |
| 5. Jermain Taylor           | Arkansas Valley     | 28. Al Green                         | Delta                 |
| 6. Johnny Cash              | Gulf Coastal Plains | 29. Scott Joplin                     | Gulf Coastal Plain    |
| 7. Arkansas Traveler        | Ozark Mountains     | 30. Alan Ladd                        | Ouachita Mountains    |
| 8. Catherine Tharp Altvater | Delta               | 31. Dick Powell                      | Ozark Mountains       |
| 9. William Fulbright        | Ozark Mountains     | 32. Mary Steenburgen                 | Arkansas Valley       |
| 10. Forrest Wood            | Ozark Mountains     | 33. Jerry Van Dyke                   | Ouachita Mountains    |
| 11. John Grisham            | Crowley's Ridge     | 34. Maya Angelou                     | Gulf Coastal Plain    |
| 12. Sequoya                 | Arkansas Valley     | 35. John Daly                        | Arkansas Valley       |
| 13. Fred Graham             | Arkansas Valley     | 36. Jerry Jones                      | Ozark Mountains       |
| 14. William T. Dillard      | Arkansas Valley     | 37. Sidney Moncrief                  | Arkansas Valley       |
| 15. Cephas Washburn         | Ozark Mountains     | 38. Scottie Pippen                   | Delta                 |
| 16. Charlie May Simon       | Delta               | 39. Isaac C. Parker                  | Ozark Mountains       |
| 17. Albert Pike             | Arkansas Valley     | 40. Hattie Caraway                   | Crowley's Ridge       |
| 18. Daisy Bates             | Arkansas Valley     | 41. Orval Faibus                     | Ozark Mountains       |
| 19. Wayland Holyfield       | Arkansas Valley     | 42. Winthrop Rockefeller             | Arkansas Valley       |
| 20. Mark Martin             | Ozark Mountains     | 43. John H. Johnson                  | Delta                 |
| 21. J.B. Hunt               | Ozark Mountains     | 44. Don Tyson                        | Ozark Mountains       |
| 22. Mike Beebe              | Delta               | 45. Sam Walton                       | Ozark Mountains       |
| 23. Maurice "Footsie" Britt | Delta               | 46. E. Fay Jones                     | Delta                 |
| 24. Bill Clinton            | Gulf Coastal Plain  |                                      |                       |

**TOTALS:**

<b>Ozark Mountains</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Arkansas Valley</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Gulf Coastal Plain</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Ouachita Mountains</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Crowley's Ridge</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Delta</b>	<b>8</b>

*Famous Friends – Arkansans and Others Bingo Card*

	<b>FREE</b>	

(more squares can be added for upper grade levels)