Games of the Past

**Jacks**

**Material List:** Jacks (10 jacks used to play the game)

Score sheet

**Classroom Time:** 1 class period

**The student will (learn about/learn to**):

1. Learn the rules of the historical games Jacks

2. Play Jacks, with correct game procedure

3. Learn the importance of practice in games

4. Keep track of the jacks picked up on a score card or sheet.

**Teacher’s introduction to the activity:** Object of the game is to be the first player to go from “onsies” to “tensies”.

Set up the game: Begin by throwing the jacks onto the ground in front of you. Try and make the jacks land not too far apart or too close together.

The basic way to play the game of Jacks: throw the ball into the air … pick up one jack … then catch the ball after it bounces one time. Continue picking up the jacks one at a time. When you have collected all the jacks, throw them again and start picking the jacks up two at a time (twosies). Continue on until you are at tensies. Your turn continues until you either: miss the ball, fail to pick up the jacks, move a jack, or drop a jack that you have picked up. When it is your turn again you start where you left off. [If you were on foursies when you turn ended you will be at the level when it is your turn again.]

**Instruction:**

1. Scatter the jacks from the bag on a table, or in good weather, outside.

2. To determine which player goes first each player takes a turn gently tossing the jacks up in the air and catching as many as they can. The player that catches the most jacks is the first to play.

3. “***Onesies****”-* Throw the ball up, pick up one jack, and catch the ball after it bounces once.

4. If successful, proceed to pick up the next “onesie.”

5. After you have successfully picked up all 10 jacks, one at a time, scatter the jacks again.

6. “**Twosies**” – Toss up the ball, pick up 2 jacks, and catch the ball after it bounces once.

7. Continue sequentially picking up 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 jacks at a time.

8 Your turn continues until you either: miss the ball, fail to pick up the jacks, move a jack, or drop a jack that you have picked up.

9. When it is your turn again you start where you left off.

10. The person who picked up the most jacks is the winner.

**Variations:**

1. Bounce the ball 2 times before picking up jacks.

2. No bounces, just throw the ball up, pick up jacks, and catch the ball.

3. Throw the ball, make a circle in the air around the ball before it bounces, & pick up a jack.

**Jacks Score Sheet**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Jacks picked up Number of Jacks picked up

Onesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Onesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Twosies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Twosies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Threesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Threesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Foursies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Foursies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fivesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fivesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sixies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sixies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sevensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sevensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Eightsies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Eightsies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ninesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ninesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Jacks picked up Number of Jacks picked up

Onesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Onesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Twosies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Twosies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Threesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Threesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Foursies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Foursies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fivesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fivesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sixies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sixies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sevensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sevensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Eightsies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Eightsies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ninesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ninesies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tensies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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