



Icebreaker: Can you name these college mascots?

Materials: Link to Assist: [College Mascot Quiz](#)

Grade Range: 6-8

Time: 10 minutes ** Consider using the hand raise/thumbs up feature of your virtual platform to assist with determining who will answer **

Synopsis: This icebreaker is all about college mascots! Be sure to define the word 'mascot' for the students (a person or thing that is supposed to bring good luck or that is used to symbolize a particular event or organization). End the quiz by asking students what their favorite mascot is (Mentors, please share too); this icebreaker pairs well with our lesson, "College vs. Trade School: What is the difference?" lesson.

Instructions:

1. Mentors will begin by asking students if they know what a 'mascot' is. Allow students to share in the chat or answer verbally either by calling them by name or allowing use of the thumbs up/raise hand feature.
2. After you have solicited answers, go ahead and give the formal definition (as noted in the synopsis).
3. At this point, explain that you will be completing a 'college mascot quiz' in which the students will have to guess from multiple choices as to which mascot represents which college or university. There are many, so there should be plenty of opportunity for everyone to have at least 1 turn.
4. Have students utilize the chat feature if they prefer or call one by one using names or looking for raised hands/thumbs up.
5. When the ice breaker is complete, transition to our 'College vs. Trade School: What is the difference?' lesson on the education required for some common careers.