## AN ENGAGING VIEW OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STATISTICS

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## GOALS FOR TODAY

$\square$ See $6^{\text {th }}$ statistics standards and vocabulary in action.
Learn about a sharing form of division.
E Experience a Poster Problem as a form of group work and review.
$\square$ Address any questions.

## NAME SCORES

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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|}
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\hline \mathrm{H}=3 & \mathrm{I}=1 & \mathrm{~J}=10 & \mathrm{~K}=5 & \mathrm{~L}=2 & \mathrm{M}=4 & \mathrm{~N}=2 \\
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\end{array}
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CYNTHIA

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4+4+2+1+3+1+1=16
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(1) Compute your first name score. Write your first name and score on your paper, and complete a sticky note like this
(write name small, write score big).

## THE NAME SCORE LINEUP

Now let's do the activity!
Take your post-it and line up in order.


## LET'S TALK VOCABULARY

## What is a typical name score for our class?

(2) Organize Data.

- Number of observations ( $n$ ) in the population
- List of observations, in order
(3) Find measures of center.
- Mode(s)
- Median

(4) Find values related to measures of spread (variability).
- Minimum/maximum/range
- Five-number summary/interquartile range (IQR)


## NAME SCORE REVISITED



## ANOTHER ACTIVITY

Share objects with classmates until everyone has the exact same amount. If not possible, then within 1 of each other.


## ANOTHER MEASURE OF CENTER

The mean is the arithmetic average of a data set.
(1) Describe how we estimated the mean (average) of our name scores during this activity.

Example of a procedure to compute the mean:

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\begin{aligned}
& 8 \text { students each had } 7 \text { cubes } \\
& 1 \text { student had } 6 \text { cubes }
\end{aligned} \quad \Longrightarrow \begin{aligned}
& 8(7)=56 \\
& 1(6)=6
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Rightarrow$| 62 total cubes |
| :--- |
| 9 students |$\quad \Rightarrow \frac{62}{9} \approx 6.9$

(2) Find the mean for the class data set.

## WAQUEYZAQUEY

We have a new student named Waqueyzaquey.

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(3) What is Waqueyzaquey's name score?
(4) How do you think Waqueyzaquey's name score will affect the mean? Median? Mode? Range? IQR?

An outlier is a data value that is a "striking deviation" from the overall pattern of values in the data set.

## POSTER PROBLEM

## Provide group practice

## Generate group discussion

Critique
reasoning

## Use as formative assessment

## POSTER PROBLEMS: STATISTICS

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Part 2: Do the problems on the posters by following your teacher's directions

| Poster 1 (or 5) | Shop Shoes sold the following sizes during the last hour. $9,7,8,8,10,8,6,5,9,8$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Poster 2 (or 6) | Below are the housing prices (in thousands) for the most recent sales in Mathxille. <br> \$475, \$470, \$460, \$375, \$500, \$450, \$650, \$480, \$500, \$410 |
| Poster 3 (or 7) | Teens were surveyed on the number of hours per week they spend looking at a screen. $63,50,40,15,35,45,54,29,25,37,49,38$ |
| Poster 4 (or 8) | The number of pets students own are shown below. $3,4,2,0,1,2,12,4,2,3,5,1,0,2,4$ |
| A. Copy the data in numerical order and determine the median and mode. <br> B. Determine the mean for the data set and note any potential outliers. <br> C. Find the five-number summary for the data set. <br> D. Make a data display that would be appropriate for the data set. Be sure to label the graph. |  |

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## Add variety to classwork

## GETTING STARTED

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## HOW: The Activity step 1



## HOW: The Activity step 2



## HOW: The Activity step 3



## HOW: The Activity step 4



Time to start our poster problem

## POSTER PROBLEM: Follow-up

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