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Human Histogram Exercise Online Overview and Sample Questions

Objective: Engage students in a representation of data or opinions to enhance understanding and promote discussion.

Description: In the Human Histogram exercise, students position themselves along a continuum based on their responses to a question or statement. This activity encourages active participation, visual learning, and exploration of various perspectives.

Steps to Facilitate the Activity:

The Human Histogram Exercise can be a fun and interactive way to engage students in an online class. Here's a step-by-step guide to adapt it for a virtual setting:

1. **Choose a Topic**: Decide on the question or topic for your histogram. It could be something like "How many hours do you study each day?" or "What's your favorite type of music?"

2. **Set Up a Poll**: Use the polling feature in your video conferencing tool (Microsoft Teams or D2L) to create a poll with the possible responses. This will serve as your data collection method.

3. **Collect Responses**: Ask students to respond to the poll. Ensure everyone participates to get a comprehensive dataset.

4. **Share Results**: Once the poll is closed, share the results with the class. Most video conferencing tools will display the results in a bar chart format, which resembles a histogram.

5. **Discussion**: Discuss the results with your students. Ask them to interpret the data, identify any trends, and share their thoughts on the findings.

6. **Interactive Visualization**: For a more interactive experience, you can use tools like Mentimeter or Slido. These platforms allow for real-time data visualization and can make the exercise more engaging.

7. **Follow-Up Activity**: To deepen understanding, you can have students create their own histograms using the data collected. They can use tools like Google Sheets or Excel to plot the data and share their charts with the class.

Sample Questions:

"Which historical period do you find most fascinating?"
- Ancient Civilizations
- Middle Ages

- Renaissance
- Modern Era

"Who is your favorite author?"
- William Shakespeare
- Jane Austen
- Mark Twain
- Toni Morrison

"What social issue are you most passionate about?"
- Climate Change
- Gender Equality
- Racial Justice
- Economic Inequality

"Which psychological theory do you find most interesting?"
- Behaviorism
- Psychoanalysis
- Humanistic Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology

"Which political system do you think is most effective?"
- Democracy
- Monarchy
- Communism
- Oligarchy

"Which philosophical concept resonates most with you?"
- Existentialism
- Utilitarianism
- Stoicism
- Nihilism

"Which cultural practice do you find most intriguing?"
- Festivals and Celebrations
- Traditional Cuisine
- Art and Music
- Clothing and Fashion

"Which aspect of human culture do you find most fascinating?"
- Language and Communication
- Rituals and Traditions
- Social Structures
- Artifacts and Archaeology

"Which economic theory do you think best explains market behavior?"
- Classical Economics
- Keynesian Economics
- Marxist Economics
- Behavioral Economics

"Which geographical feature do you find most interesting?"

- Mountains
- Rivers
- Deserts
- Forests

"Which art movement do you appreciate the most?"

- Renaissance
- Impressionism
- Modernism
- Abstract Expressionism

"Which religious tradition are you most interested in learning about?"

- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Islam

"Which area of linguistics do you find most intriguing?"

- Phonetics and Phonology
- Syntax and Grammar
- Semantics and Pragmatics
- Sociolinguistics

"Which ethical dilemma do you find most challenging?"

- Euthanasia
- Capital Punishment
- Animal Rights
- Privacy vs. Security

"Which cultural phenomenon do you find most intriguing?"

- Globalization
- Cultural Assimilation
- Subcultures
- Cultural Heritage Preservation