Vocabulary Bingo

Running Out of Time, Margaret Peterson Haddix,

Statement of Purpose. Vocabulary bingo will help students learn vocabulary from a novel. In the particular case of Running Out of Time, students will need to learn a lot of historical context and terms, so vocabulary bingo will be geared more towards “historical term” bingo. But it will help students to gain a concept of the time periods in which the novel takes place.

Context. Exercise should be completed sometime in the middle of novel after students have been introduced to both time periods and will need to recognize the differences between the two and why Jessie thinks the way she does. Historically, what makes her act the way she does? Learning the historical terms will help students answer this question.

DIRECTIONS. Materials: bingo boards, list of words on overhead for students to choose from, beans, bingo prizes.
Time needed: One round should take around 15 minutes. Teachers can repeat the exercise for as long as necessary, however.
1. Pass out bingo boards and beans.
2. Place list of words on overhead for students to choose 24 words from to fill out their bingo boards.
3. Once students have chosen their words and completed their bingo boards, let the game begin!
4. One at a time, and in random order, read the definitions of the words/terms and let students determine the matches. If they think they have the word you are describing, they will place a bean on that square (just like regular bingo!). When a student has beans on five strait boxes, they win!
5. Game can be repeated, students can play for blackout.

After the Strategy. Return to novel study. This exercise is merely an insert to discover and practice historical context.

Assessment. Based on participation.

Sample words to be included on the bingo sheet:
Andrew Jackson
Westward Expansion
Manifest Destiny
Indian Removal Act
Nullification Crisis
Utopian Society
National Bank
Age of Reform
Abolition
Millenialism
Martin Van Buren
William Henry Harrison
Plantations
Monroe Doctrine (Era of Good Feelings)
Erie Canal
Louisiana Purchase
Lewis and Clark Expedition