Dominoes

The earliest known version of the game of Dominoes dates to Ancient China, when people played by matching tiled ends together around the year 1298. The modern game as we know it was developed by the Italians in the 18th century, and may have been brought back from China by the Italian missionaries. The name “domino” comes from a special carnival costume in Italy that was black and white.

Woodrow Wilson and his sisters loved to play dominoes with their father when they were growing up. It was a great numbers game and required some critical thinking, which we know Woodrow Wilson loved to do. He played the game, as did many in the early 1900’s as an adult.