

Lesson Plan #1 – Reading

Title: Three Little Pigs: Human, Natural and Capital Resources

Objectives: In this lesson, the participants will:

1. read a familiar story in a different way to achieve a specific purpose.
2. use what they know to categorize resources in the story.
3. identify economic resources located within a community
4. demonstrate an understanding of categorizing resources.

Session Time: 50-60 minutes

Materials: The book *The Three Little Pigs*

Methods: Guided discussion, cooperative learning, interactive participation

Instruction:

It is important for students to be aware of basic economic principles, institutions, and processes needed to be effective citizens, consumers, and workers in American society. This lesson helps students to recognize and classify resources into categories of natural resources, capital resources, or human resources and provides specific applications for what they already know.

Activity

1. Read out loud *The Three Little Pigs*.
2. Discuss the events in the story. Write students' responses on the board to these questions.
 - What do you know about straw? About wood? About brick?
 - What additional items are needed to build the houses?
 - Who is needed to build the houses?

Use their responses to help complete a Production Resource Chart, as follows;

Production Resource Chart

Product: House

Natural Resources
(those items that can
be found in nature)

Straw
Sticks
Wood

Capital Resources
(those items that
must be purchased)

wheelbarrow
hoe
hammer
Saw
Pencils

Human Resources
(those individuals
who get the job done)

first pig
farmer
straw gatherer
second pig builder
third pig builder
Brick seller

Brick maker

Conclusion:

It is important to give students an opportunity to apply what they have learned in this lesson in a different application. Ask students to think of a product with which they are familiar. Examples might be: chocolate chip cookies; a t-shirt; a pizza; a pencil; a pair of shoes. Students can work in groups of three to complete a blank Production Resource Chart for that product.

Production Resource Chart

Product: _____

Natural Resources	Capital Resources	Human Resources

Note: This lesson is included in “**Caught or Taught in the Act of Reading: The Neglected Component of Comprehension**”, **Workshop #15** in the ***SIPDC Catalog of Professional Development Opportunities***. It was adapted from the CIAESC, based on information available at www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/socialstd/grade3/Econ_1.html

Production Resource Chart

Product: _____

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