

Activity 1 - Thinking Questions

Time: 15 – 25 minutes

Objective: Students will begin to discuss why cooperatives formed. Students should begin to understand that cooperatives formed to provide a service to the community, not to earn a profit.

Step 1: Pass out folders to each student or have the folders on each student's desk at the beginning of the day.

Step 2: Welcome the students and tell them your name and why you are there today.

Step 3: Instruct students to write their names on the folders and tell them that these folders will be used to keep all of their materials for the two days of the cooperative unit. Stress to the students they are responsible for keeping their folders organized and all of the papers in the folders.

Step 4: Instruct students to take out Activity 1 Worksheet – Thinking Questions, and have them write their name, teacher name and date on the top.

Step 5: Select a student to read problem 1 and 2 to the class.

Step 6: Give students 1 minute to think about the question on their own.

Step 7: Instruct students to move their desks so that they are in groups of two. Then have them turn and talk to their neighbor (TTATN). Tell them that the person whose birthday is closest to today will go first. Person 1 will then discuss their answer to the question. Person 2 should add any thoughts to the discussion. Person 2 will then go over their answer to problem 2, while Person 1 adds thoughts. Give pairs 2 minutes to discuss answers.

Step 8: Ask each team to report out their answers to the questions. Accept all answers and lead the discussion so that students understand that buying together is more economically sound in the cooperative way.

Step 9: Select a student to read problem 3 to the class.

Step 10: Give groups 1-2 minutes to discuss problem 3 as a pair.

Step 11: Ask each team to report out their answers to the questions. Accept all answers and lead the discussion so that students understand that buying together is more economically sound in the cooperative way.

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Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Problem 1: Bottles of Mountain Dew are \$1.50 each. If you buy a case of 12 bottles, it costs \$5.99. Is it a better deal to buy Mountain Dew by the bottle or by the case? Why?

Problem 2: Imagine for a moment, that each of us needed to drink one Mountain Dew a day, but we only had \$4.00 to spend each week on Mountain Dew, what could we do in order to buy enough Mountain Dew to last us a week?

Problem 3: All the private companies that provide wireless internet to Medford has decided that there are not enough customers to make a profit so they close down and leave Medford citizens without access to the internet. What can Medford do as a community to bring internet back?