

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson Plan Producers and Consumers

Core Knowledge Instructions:

The sixth grade American History guidelines pick up chronologically with the World History Guidelines on the mid-nineteenth century industrialism and its consequences.

Abstract: The three exploration activities will provide students and teachers with economic knowledge and basic skills building.

Activity 1: Economic Focus Activity - Producers and Consumers is an animation that includes hands-on activities intended to provide students with a fundamental understanding of how our economy works. This activity is very important for students because an understanding of events during the Industrial Revolution revolve around America's economic system.

1. Objective of Activity: Students will learn background about America's economic system.
2. Activity Content: This activity contains an animated activity and three handouts.
3. Procedures: Before projecting this activity, view it on screen and decide if you want to write lists on the board with full class participation, or have each student fill out their own and discuss each list after completion. Print out the handouts before beginning the activity. Project this activity and discuss each screen as you proceed. This activity can be found on the index as a printable PDF. Print out one copy of the document for each student and cover the assignment with them in class. This is a fairly long document
4. Materials: Each student will need a copy of the three activity handouts

Activity 2: The Statistical Activity is a study of population growth and growth in land area of the United States. It requires students to convert simple information to bar charts.

1. Objective of Activity: Students will translate data into a chart form.
2. Activity Content: This activity contains a series of dates and numbers and asks students to translate these numbers into bars on a chart.
3. Procedures: This printable activity is found on the index. Click on the PFD icon and print out the documents. Copy one set for each student. Instruct students to follow the directions on the sheets. This is a very simple activity and one which students should be able to complete without any additional information.

Activity 3: The Activity Railroad's Role in the Modern American Economy is a hands-on activity with a series of questions imbedded in the text that require higher order thinking skills to complete.

Objective of Activity: This hands-on activity requires students to read for meaning and to use information they have already learned to complete the task.

2. Activity Content: This hands-on activity requires independent reading.
3. Procedure: Print out the handout and copy one set for each student. Students should be able to complete this activity in one class hour or as a homework assignment.