

3rd Grade World Communities: Economy

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

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Challenge of meeting needs and wants in world communities

Societies organize their economies to answer three fundamental economic questions: What goods and services should be produced and in what quantities? How shall goods and services be produced? For whom shall goods and services be produced?

Human needs and wants differ from place to place.

People in world communities make choices due to unlimited needs and wants and limited resources.

People in world communities must depend on others to meet their needs and wants. Production, distribution, exchange, and consumption of goods and services are economic decisions all societies must make.

People in world communities use human, capital, and natural resources.

People in world communities locate, develop, and make use of natural resources. Resources are important to economic growth in world communities.

Economic decision making in world communities

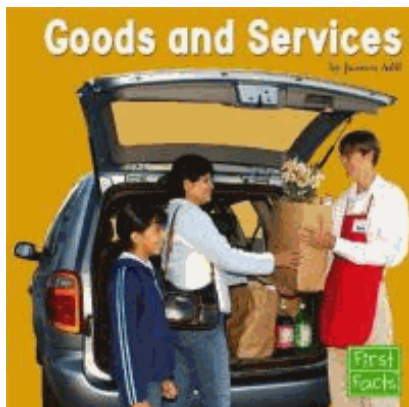
Production, distribution, exchange, and consumption of goods and services are economic decisions which all world communities must make.

Economic decisions in world communities are influenced by many factors.

Books

Goods and Services by Janeen Adil (2006)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Things that people buy -- Goods and services -- Government services -- Producers -- Consumers -- Earning income -- Joe is a producer -- Joe is a consumer. Simple text and photographs explain what goods and services are and their role in earning income and spending money.

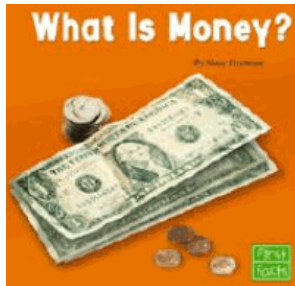


Guided Reading: P

24 Pages

What is Money by Mary Firestone (2006)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Contains a basic introduction for children to the principles and values of earning, saving, and spending money, how money is made, and how it is used around the world.



Guided Reading: M
24 Pages

Scarcity by Janeen Adil (2006)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Introduces the economic principle of scarcity, and how it affects prices and choices.



Guided Reading: M
24 Pages

Spending Money by Mary Firestone (2005)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Spending money -- People need money -- Costs -- Choices -- Money plans -- Checks -- Credit -- Be a good spender -- Amazing but true! -- Hands on : shop smart. Explains why people need money, looks at cash, checks, and credit cards, and offers advice on how to spend money wisely.



Guided Reading: L
24 Pages

Saving Money by Mary Firestone

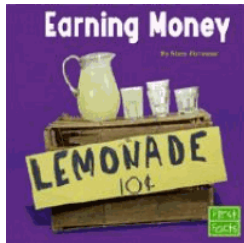
Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Saving money -- How to save -- Saving for later -- Savings add up -- Keeping savings at home -- Keeping savings at a bank -- Other ways to save -- Saving is smart -- Amazing but true! -- Hands on : make money jars. Introduces children to the basic principles of earning, saving, and spending money and explains the process of putting money in a savings account in the bank.



Guided Reading: M
24 Pages

Earning Money by Mary Firestone (2005)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Simple text and photographs discuss how and why people earn money.



Guided Reading: L
24 Pages

Goods or Services by Ellen Mitten (2012)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 24) and index. Simple text helps children learn the differences between goods and services, the role each plays in their daily life, and the people who provide them in the community.



Guided Reading: J
24 Pages

Goods and Services Around Town by Heather E. Schwartz (2014)

Includes index. Introduces the concept of commerce through a discussion of the kinds of goods and services that can be bought in a town.



Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

Goods and Services by Gillian Houghton (2009)

Includes index. Buy me! -- I need it! I want it! -- Needs come first -- Plan for your wants -- Get a job! -- The goods -- At your service -- The producers -- The consumers -- Shop smart!

Photographs and simple text introduce young readers to the difference between needing and wanting something, and how to plan and work for the wants.



Guided Reading: n/a

24 Pages

The Global Economy: America and the World by Hugh Roome (2013)

With travel and communications at an unprecedented level of speed and efficiency, it is almost as easy today to conduct business with colleagues across the world as it is to dial up a friend who lives down the street. As a result, the global economy is more connected than ever.

Readers will discover how the many small economies around the world are linked together into a worldwide web of goods, services, and money.



Guided Reading: T

48 Pages

Money and Trade in Our World by Shelly Buchanan (2014)

People all over the world trade and buy from each other! This nonfiction book will teach young readers the various services and goods that countries around the world provide. Readers will also be exposed to the different forms of money, such as yen and pesos, and the difference between wants and needs. Colorful images, supporting text, a glossary, table of contents, and index all work together to help readers better understand the content and be fully engaged from cover to cover.



Guided Reading: M
32 Pages

Money and Trade in Our Nation by Shelly Buchanan (2014)

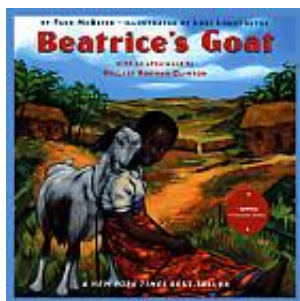
Includes index. An introduction to trade, trade history, and how goods and services are exchanged throughout the nation by the use of currency.



Guided Reading: N
32 Pages

Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier (2004)

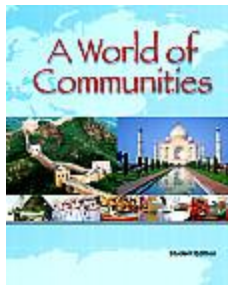
A young girl's dream of attending school in her small Ugandan village is fulfilled after her family is given an income-producing goat. Based on a true story about the work of Project Heifer.



Guided Reading: N
33 Pages

A World of Communities by Denise L. Babcock (2008)

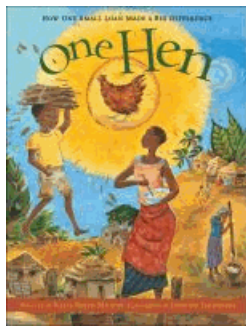
Includes bibliographical references (p. 125-127) and index. A student text that explores the history, geography, and government of various countries and cities around the world.



Guided Reading: T
129 Pages

One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Difference by Katie Smith Milway (2008)

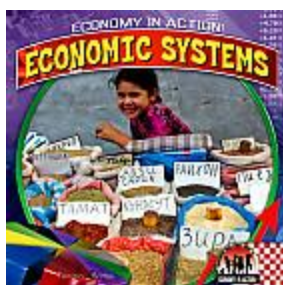
Based on a true story, tells of how a poor Ghanaian boy buys a chicken through a community loan program, which eventually helps lift him, his mother, and his community out of poverty.



Guided Reading: Q
32 Pages

Economic Systems by Tamara Britton (2013)

Includes index. What is an economy? -- How does an economy work? -- Economic theories -- Traditional economies -- Free market economies -- Managed economies -- Mixed economies -- What if the economy isn't working? -- Seeking the best for all -- Economic exercises -- Glossary -- Web sites -- Index. An introduction to economic systems, discussing theories, free markets, mixed economies, and more.



Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

Investigate Earth's Resources by Sue Barraclough (2009)

Includes index. Earth's resources -- Air and water -- Using soil -- Using trees -- Using fuels -- Using rocks and metals -- Running out of resources -- Saving resources. An investigation of Earth's resources, explaining what they are, looking at the use of air and water, soil, trees, fuels, and rocks and minerals, and discussing the importance of saving resources.

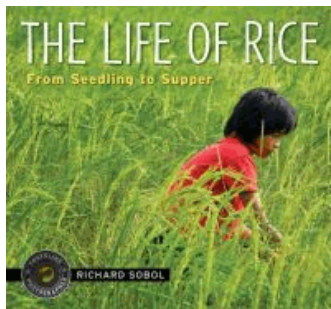


Guided Reading: N

32 Pages

The Life of Rice by Richard Sobol (2010)

Photographs and simple text show the life cycle of rice in Thailand, beginning with the planting ceremony at the start of the growing season and ending with a prepared meal.

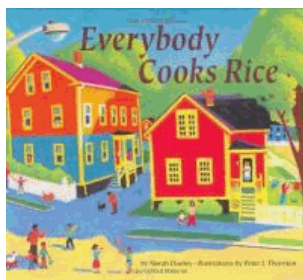


Guided Reading: Q

36 Pages

Everybody Cooks Rice by Norah Dooley (1991)

A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited.

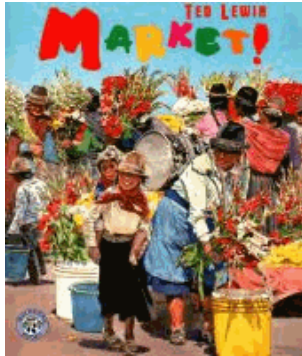


Guided Reading: M

31 Pages

Market by Ted Lewin (1996)

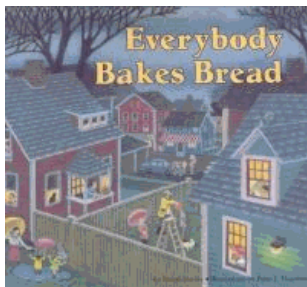
Describes, in simple text and illustrations, the special characteristics of different types of markets throughout the world, from the Fulton Fish Market in New York to Durbar Square in Nepal where temples rise like pagodas behind the flute sellers.



Guided Reading: S
48 Pages

Everybody Bakes Bread by Norah Dooley (1996)

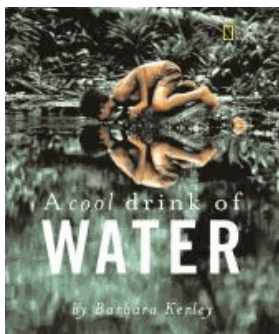
A rainy-day errand introduces Carrie to many different kinds of bread, including chapatis, challah, and papusa. Includes recipes.



Guided Reading: M
Pages: n/a

A Cool Drink of Water by Barbara Kerley (2002)

Depicts people around the world collecting, chilling, and drinking water.



Guided Reading: H
Pages: n/a

Digital Resources

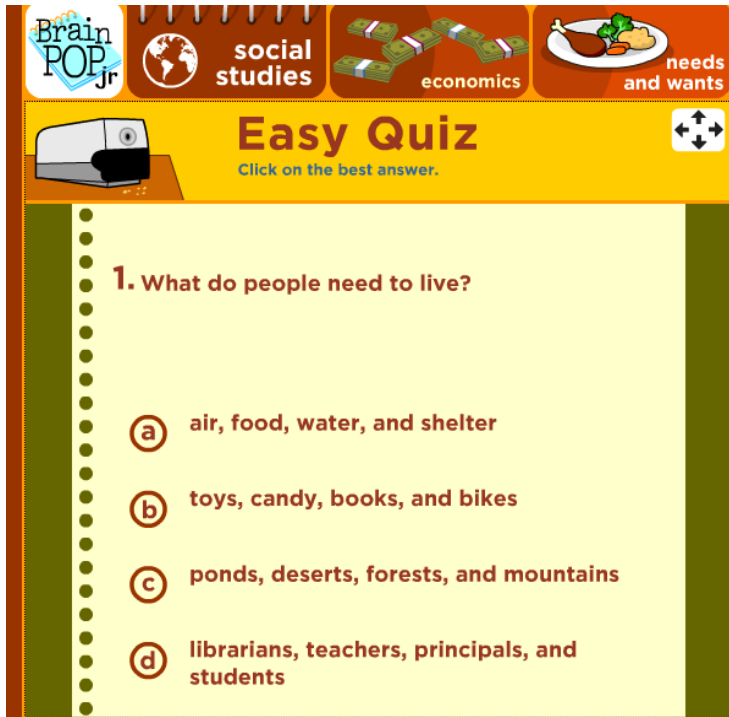
Databases: (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

Brainpop Jr.: *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3.*

Brainpop Jr. doesn't go into detail on world economics, but it does offer these videos on basic economics.



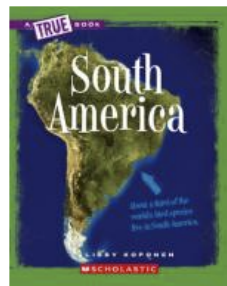
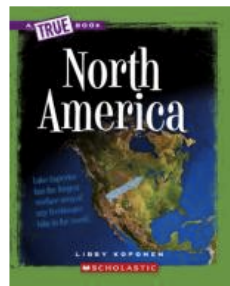
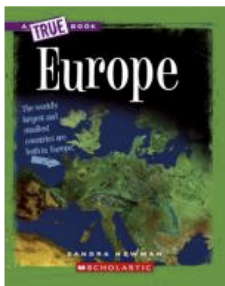
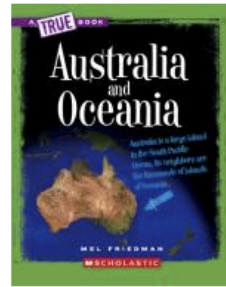
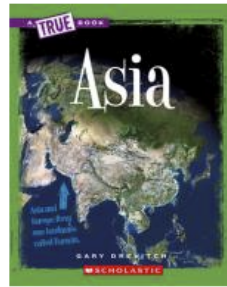
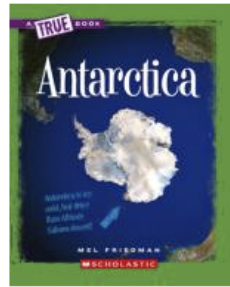
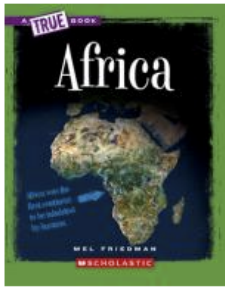
Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.



TrueFlix: Trueflix is a database that includes non-fiction electronic books. Within each selected book you will find a 3-6 minute informational video on the subject, and a list of recommended websites.

Trueflix contains these books which support the New York State Social Studies Standards on World Communities for 3rd Grade. The books are 48 pages long, and include a “Read-Along” button which highlights each word as it is read aloud.

Continents



Here is the contents page for the Africa book:

<h1>Contents</h1>	
<p>1 Snapshot of a Continent Which African tree looks as if it is upside down? . . . 7</p> <p>2 Amazing Animals Which animal's home can be 30 feet tall? 15</p> <p>THE BIG TRUTH!</p> <p>Sounds of a Land Who helps to keep history alive in West Africa? 20</p> <p>3 Africa Then Which explorer took a giraffe home with him? 23</p>	<p>4 Free at Last! Who shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize? 31</p> <p>5 Africa Now Who are the "Blue Men"? 35</p> <p>True Statistics 43</p> <p>Resources 44</p> <p>Important Words 46</p> <p>Index 47</p> <p>About the Author 48</p>

Each subject in *Trueflix* has a part called “Show What You Know.” This is a ten question quiz that can be used to check understanding from the text.

Show What You Know

1. What takes up almost all of North Africa?



- the Oregon Trail
- Machu Picchu
- the Sahara Desert
- the Baltic Sea

SUBMIT

Trueflix also offers word match activity that can be done online. Word match gives a clue that can then be matched with a key word from the text. As you can see from the toolbar on the left, there are project ideas for the classroom, a list of other non-fiction resources on the same topic in “Explore More,” related websites that have been tested and recommended, and a 3-6 minute video in “Watch the Video.”



Start

Watch the Video

Read the Book

Explore More

Project Idea

Activity Center

- Show What You Know
- Word Match

Explore the Web

More
Space

Word Match

Read the clue below. Click on the word it matches.
Match all the words to uncover a picture.

CLUE: to supply with water by artificial means

nomad	fossil	irrigate
drought	ecosystem	equator
colony	savanna	environment

Pebble Go! *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

Pebble Go Social Studies has a section called “Culture and Awareness.” Within Culture and Awareness you will find “Customs Around the World” that directly aligns with New York State Social Studies Standards on World Communities for third grade.

Home > [Grid of World Scenes] > [Globe] > [Food] **Customs around the World**

- Birthdays around the World
- Christmas around the World
- Clothing around the World
- Food around the World
- Games around the World
- Homes around the World
- School around the World
- Shopping around the World
- Transportation around the World

Here is a sample of one of the books:

Home > [Grid of World Scenes] > [Globe] > [Food] > [House] **Homes around the World**

Homes | Warm and Cool Homes | River Homes | Rainy Weather Homes | Apartment Homes | Related Articles

 In cold Slovenia, people live in **cabins**. **Cabins** have thick wood walls to keep out the cold. In the southern United States, people live in **adobe** homes. **Adobe** homes stay cool in the hot desert sun.





Slovenia cabin (top) and an adobe home (bottom)

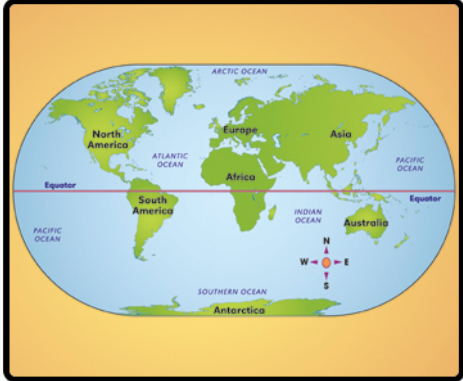
The “In My World” section of Pebble Go Social Studies also includes these two books which could work for studying World Communities:

“In My Continent” includes information on people, geography and government.

Home > [Book 1] > [Book 2] > [Book 3] > **In My Continent**

What Is a Continent? | My Continent | People | Landforms | Government | Related Articles

 A continent is one of the seven large landmasses of Earth.
The continents are:
North America, South America, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, and Europe.
The largest is Asia.




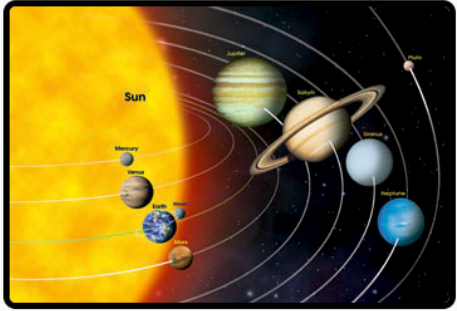
Map of Earth and its continents

“In My World” discusses continents and people.

Home > [Book 1] > [Book 2] > [Book 3] > **In My World**

Earth Is Our World | Earth and the Planets | Oceans | Continents | People | Related Articles

 Our world is called Earth.
Earth is one of eight major planets in our solar system.
The eight major planets are:
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Earth is the third planet from the sun.



The eight planets in our solar system

World Book Web:

The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. Most all of these World Book Web research tools include options where text can be read aloud to the user. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **Worldbook Kids**, **Worldbook Student**, **Worldbook Discover**, **Worldbook Timelines** and **Worldbook Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>



As you can see below - World Book Kids offers a lot of information on the people of the world.

Ethnic groups, festivals, holidays, customs and beliefs are all things that students can explore in greater depth. If you select a broad subject heading like the ones you see on the left, you will be taken to a page of articles that are organized alphabetically. I find it helpful to know what ethnic group or festival you are searching for specifically, otherwise you can get lost in the list of articles.

World Book Student as opposed to World Book Kids offers a wider variety of articles. There are articles on many African ethnic groups that could be used in third grade. Below is a glimpse of an article on the Zulu including a sound bite of Zulu and Xhosa music. This article can be found by clicking on this link: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar617650> or by typing Zulu into World Book Student and selecting the first article.

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Citation Information

Zulu, «ZOO loo», are one of the main Bantu-speaking peoples of Africa. About 7 million Zulu live in the Republic of South Africa, mostly in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. They make up the largest language group in that country. Many Zulu live in urban areas. For many years, the Zulu and other black South Africans have suffered severe discrimination at the hands of South African whites.

During the early 1800's, a Zulu king named Shaka led his nation in a series of military conquests. In 1838, the Zulu clashed with invading white settlers called *Boers*. The Zulu remained independent until the British conquered them in 1879.

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[Magazine Articles](#)

Sound Zulu and Xhosa music

World Book Student also has a great feature called “Compare Places” in their explore section.

EXPLORE

Explore World Book's rich collection of articles, tables, maps, and multimedia on the world:

[Explore New York](#)
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After clicking on “Compare Places” you will see these options:

Compare Places

Compare US States **Compare Canadian Provinces** **Compare Australian States**

Compare Countries **Compare Continents** **Compare Everything**

Here's a sample of the continent compare:

Compare Places [Make a New Selection](#) [Print This Page](#)

Africa		Europe
	Area	
11,676,000 sq mi (30,241,000 sq km)		4,033,000 sq mi (10,445,000 sq km)
	Population	
1,116,547,000		722,305,000
	Highest Elevation	
Kilimanjaro, 19,340 ft (5,895 m)		Mount Elbrus, 18,510 ft (5,642 m)
Africa	Continent	Europe
Lake Assal, 509 ft (155 m) below sea level	Lowest Elevation	Caspian Sea, 92 ft (28 m) below sea level
The world's largest desert, the Sahara, stretches across northern Africa.	Interesting Fact	The countries of Europe include the world's largest country, Russia, as well as the world's smallest, Vatican City.
22,921 mi (36,888 km)	Coastline	37,887 mi (60,973 km)
Atlantic, Indian	Neighboring Oceans	Arctic, Atlantic
Cairo, Egypt, 7,786,640	Largest City, Population	Moscow, Russia, 10,126,424
53	Number of Independent Countries	49

[Explore Africa](#)
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Population: 1,116,547,000

[Explore Europe](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 722,305,000

Here is an example of the country compare:

Compare Places [Make a New Selection](#) [Print This Page](#)

Kenya		Tanzania
	Area	
224,446 sq mi (581,313 sq km)		364,900 sq mi (945,087 sq km)
	Population	
45,046,000		48,760,000
	Highest Elevation	
Mount Kenya, 17,058 ft (5,199 m) above sea level		Kilimanjaro, 19,340 ft (5,895 m) above sea level
60 years	Life Expectancy Males	56 years
63 years	Life Expectancy Females	58 years
9.0	Internet Users per 100	1.2
24,100	Armed Forces	27,000
Nairobi	Capital	Dodoma
Republic of Kenya	Official Name	United Republic of Tanzania
Africa	Continent	Africa
Sea level	Lowest Elevation	Sea level
Republic	Government	Republic
President	Head of State	President

[Explore Kenya](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 45,046,000

[Explore Tanzania](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 48,760,000

Websites:

Basic Human Needs lesson plan and activity:

<https://www.tigweb.org/images/tiged/docs/activities/267.pdf>

The aim of this lesson is to consider the basic things that we need in order to survive and think about people who don't even have those necessities.

Needs and Wants Activities for Kids

<http://www.brainpop.com/educators/community/lesson-plan/needs-and-wants-activities-for-kids/?bp-jr-topic=needs-and-wants>

Classroom and at Home activities for teaching about needs and wants.

Want vs. Need: Basic Economics

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/economics/wantsandneeds1.htm>

Social Studies facts and short quiz on subject of wants and needs.

Kids Economic Glossary

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3750579>

A glossary of economic vocabulary for kids.

Marbles Kids Museum Money Words Game

http://www.marbleskidsmuseum.org/stuff/contentmgr/files/0/6746b045f08a451bf5db98f7b9adb61a/files/money_words__lesson_plan_11.17.11.pdf

A lesson plan with an economics game. Vocabulary can be adjusted for grade level.

iPad apps:

Earth 3D - Amazing Atlas - by 3Planesoft

Cost: \$0.99

This interactive 3D globe features wonders of the world, political and geographic maps and weather.

Map My Globe Full by KidsAndBeyond, LLC

Cost: \$2.99

Along with learning the location of each country, users are also presented with flash cards, which give them information on each country. Listen and read along to learn about capital cities, regional languages, currencies, and bordering countries. Includes quizzes.

Whole Wide World 2 Premier - by Fingerprint

Cost: \$4.99

Meet kids from all corners of the globe and learn about their customs and cultures. Includes several African countries.

National Geographic World Atlas - by National Geographic Society

Cost: \$1.99

High resolution maps, flags and facts section, lines of latitude and longitude. Spin, span and zoom in on the world with this interactive 3D globe. Place pins to make spots and save them for later lessons. There is up-to-date information on every country and capital city including socio-economic data, weather and currency.

Barefoot World Atlas - by Touch Press

Cost: \$4.99

Learn everything from cultures to insects in this easy-to-navigate globe. Includes animations, illustrations, photographs, and voiceovers. Encounter world wildlife, famous landmarks, natural features, and remarkable buildings.

Great tutorial by Barefoot Atlas creator: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z55L2xdcOyA#t=73>

Geo Walk HD - 3D World Fact Book - by Vito Technology Inc.

Cost: \$2.99

Interactive globe model with articles on various topics like animals, plants, history, people and inventions of the world.