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WEEK 3

Grade 4 Economics

Multicultural/ Entrepreneurs Reading

Standards:

SS.4.E.1.1 Identify entrepreneurs from various social and ethnic backgrounds who have influenced

Florida and local economy.

SS.4.E.1.2 Explain Florida's role in the national and international economy and conditions that attract businesses to the state.

SS.4.FL.1.1 People have many different types of jobs from which to choose. Identify different jobs requiring people to have different skills.

SS.4.FL.1.2 People earn an income when they are hired by an employer to work at a job.

SS.4.FL.1.3 Workers are paid for their labor in different ways such as wages, salaries, or commissions.

SS.4.FL.1.6 Describe ways that people who own a business can earn a profit, which is a source of income.

SS.4.FL.1.7 Entrepreneurs are people who start new businesses. Entrepreneurs do not know if their new businesses will be successful and earn a profit. Identify ways in which starting a business is risky for entrepreneurs.

Florida Statutes (1003.42):

(h) The history of African Americans, including the history of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall include the contributions of African Americans to American society.

(l) The history of the state.

(r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the United States economy.

Resources:
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Directions: Give examples of some skills needed for the jobs listed

Job	Skills
Example: Teacher	1. communication 2. organization 3. enthusiasm 4. creativity
carpenter	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
nurse	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
architect	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
truck driver	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
mechanic	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

People earn income when they are hired to do a job. These workers are paid in different ways. Define each of the following words.

1. wages _____

2. salary _____

3. commission _____

Gold Rush Boomtowns

Cross-Curricular Focus: History/ Social Sciences



The discovery of gold in the California Territory sparked not only national interest, but even worldwide attention. California was not even a state yet when gold was discovered in 1848. There were few regulations on treasure hunting. Gold was there for the taking. The adventurous risked everything and came by the thousands. The cities of Sacramento, Stockton and San Francisco expanded from tiny little villages to huge, active towns almost overnight. A town that grows rapidly due to new business opportunities became known as a **boomtown**.

Towns grew increasingly larger as more and more settlers came to the area. People from all over the world came to San Francisco in particular. They brought a variety of goods and services with them, making San Francisco an international cultural center. People of the time compared it to London, England. Prices were very high, but goods from around the world were available.

Usually, boomtown populations were mostly men. Few women came to California in the early days of the Gold Rush. The men who came to find their fortunes believed they would quickly make lots of money to take back home to loved ones.

When it became clear that people were not going to become wealthy overnight, some miners returned to their home. Those who stayed began to send for their families. Women with skills like cooking, washing clothes and sewing were highly regarded. Men did not like to do these things for themselves. Women willing to travel to the West could make a very good living marketing their homemaking skills. If single women wanted to marry, they had their choice of hundreds of men.

Though gold is what attracted people to the boomtowns, few made their fortunes by finding it. Those who really struck it rich were the **entrepreneurs**. They took advantage of the opportunity to sell things to the large numbers of people around them. A good example of this is Levi Strauss. He invented and sold durable pants for miners. They caught on in a big way. We know them now as blue jeans. Today, you don't have to be a miner to wear jeans. Some discoveries endure over time.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What is a boomtown? _____

2) What is the name of one California boomtown? _____

3) What were some of the things that motivated women to come eventually? _____

4) What did an entrepreneur do during the Gold Rush? _____

5) Would you have wanted to go to California for the Gold Rush? Why or why not? _____

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About Florida Oranges



(excerpts from *Palmetto Leaves* pages 247-256)

The book, Palmetto Leaves, was published in 1872. The author, Harriet Beecher Stowe, was living in Mandarin, Florida (near Jacksonville).

A gentleman propounds to us the following inquiry: “Apart from the danger from frosts, what is the prospect of certainty in the orange-crop? Is it a steady one?”

We have made diligent inquiry from old, experienced cultivators, and from those who have collected the traditions of orange-growing; and the result seems to be, that, apart from the danger of frost, the orange-crop is the most steady and certain of any known fruit.

In regard to our own grove, consisting of a hundred and fifteen trees on an acre and a half of ground, we find that there has been an average crop matured of sixty thousand a year for each of the five years we have had it. Two years the crop was lost through sudden frost coming after it was fully perfected; but these two years are the only ones since 1835 when a crop has been lost or damaged through frost.



Our friend inquires with regard to the orange-insect. This was an epidemic which prevailed some fifteen or twenty years ago, destroying the orange-trees as the canker-worms did the apple-trees. It was a variety of the scale-bug; but nothing has been seen of it in an epidemic form for many years, and growers now have no apprehensions from this source.

But what a bouquet of sweets is an orange-tree! Merely as a flowering-tree it is worth having, if for nothing else. We call the time of their budding the week of pearls. How beautiful, how almost miraculous, the leaping-forth of these pearls to gem the green leaves! The fragrance has a stimulating effect on our nerves, —a sort of dreamy intoxication. The air, now, is full of it. Under the tree the white shell-petals drift, bearing perfume.

But, not to lose our way in poetic raptures, we return to statistics drawn from a recent conversation with our practical neighbor. He has three trees in his grounds, which this year have each borne five thousand oranges.

He stated that he had had reports from two men whom he named, who had each gathered ten thousand from a single tree. He appeared to think it a credible story, though a very remarkable yield.

The orange can be got from seed. Our neighbor's trees, the largest and finest in Mandarin, are seedlings. Like ours, they were frozen down in 1835, and subsequently almost destroyed by the orange-insect; but now they are stately, majestic trees of wonderful beauty.

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About Florida Oranges

Answer the following questions after discussing the article in class.

- 1 What was Harriet Beecher Stowe's response to the question, "What is the prospect of certainty in the orange-crop?" Use details and information from the article to support your answer.

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- 2 What were the reports from two men about how many oranges were gathered from one tree?
- A One hundred and fifteen
 - B five thousand
 - C ten thousand
 - D sixty thousand
- 3 Which of the following was a problem for the orange trees?
- F canker worms
 - G scale bugs
 - H too much rain
 - I too hot
- 4 What is the main reason the author wrote this article?
- A to tell how sweet orange blossoms smell
 - B to tell about frost and orange trees
 - C to tell about growing oranges in Florida
 - D to discourage growing oranges in Florida



Creating a buzz: Teens find sweet success with Black Bee Honey

By Orlando Sentinel, adapted by Newsela staff on 04.03.18

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Daquan Evans (right) fills a shipping carton as Torris Blain (left) and others work on production day at the Black Bee Honey business in the Callahan Neighborhood Center, Orlando, Florida, February 28, 2018. Photo by: Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel/TNS

ORLANDO, Florida — Jars of honey were flying off the table at the Parramore Farmers Market in Orlando, Florida. Christopher Thornton is 17 years old. He helped start Black Bee Honey. On the first day of the market, Black Bee Honey sold all of their jars. Thornton could not believe it.

The business is run by teenagers at Parramore Kidz Zone. The Parramore Kidz Zone is a city program. They help teenagers in the neighborhood. Parramore is a low-income area in Orlando. Many people there do not have much money.

“(At first) I didn’t think honey would sell,” said Thornton. He goes to Oak Ridge High School in Orlando.

Few Grocery Stores In The Neighborhood

Later, Thornton realized the honey would do well. There are not many grocery stores in his neighborhood. People have trouble finding fresh vegetables and fruits.

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At farmers markets, farmers from the area sell fresh fruits and vegetables. The Parramore market happens outside of the Orlando sports arena. It happens every Saturday morning. Black Bee Honey is one of the market's most popular products.

Teens Make About \$1,000 Each Week

Black Bee Honey makes about \$1,000 each week. The money covers costs and pays the teens. It also helps the Parramore Kidz Zone.

Reginald Burroughs works for Parramore Kidz Zone. He helps find jobs for the youths. He came up with the idea that the teens should start a business. The teenagers were excited to test their skills. Now they run meetings and take care of Black Bee Honey's money.

Building Business Skills For The Future

Regina Hill was elected by Parramore residents to the city government. She said the kids are learning to work as a team. They have developed skills she hopes will lead to good jobs.

“They’re actually running a business,” said Hill.

Kidz Zone has helped many teenagers in the neighborhood. In the last three years, every senior in the program has gone to college.

Thornton hopes to go to college. He wants to study computers. One day, he wants to start his own business. Black Bee Honey is helping him get ready for that.

“I feel like this is helping me build my business skills,” Thornton said.

Room To Grow For Business

The Black Bee founders want to see their honey on grocery store shelves. They also hope one day to have a store of their own.

“I know how we started from the bottom ... we founded this business,” said Thornton. “All of us, as a team.”

- 1 Read the paragraph from the section "Few Grocery Stores In The Neighborhood."

At farmers markets, farmers from the area sell fresh fruits and vegetables. The Parramore market happens outside of the Orlando sports arena. It happens every Saturday morning. Black Bee Honey is one of the market's most popular products.

Which question is answered in this paragraph?

- (A) Why are there no grocery stores near the Parramore Kids Zone?
 - (B) Why did Christopher Thornton choose to sell honey?
 - (C) Where is Black Bee Honey sold?
 - (D) How much money does Black Bee Honey make each week?
- 2 Select the selection from the article that explains that Kidz Zone has helped lots of students with their lives.
- (A) The business is run by teenagers at Parramore Kidz Zone. The Parramore Kidz Zone is a city program.
 - (B) The money covers costs and pays the teens. It also helps the Parramore Kidz Zone.
 - (C) Reginald Burroughs works for Parramore Kidz Zone.
 - (D) Kidz Zone has helped many teenagers in the neighborhood. In the last three years, every senior in the program has gone to college.
- 3 Why is Black Bee Honey important?
- (A) It teaches students teamwork and business skills.
 - (B) It is the largest honey company in Orlando.
 - (C) It just opened a new store in Florida.
 - (D) It is the first time teenagers have started a business.
- 4 Which event happened first?
- (A) Black Bee Honey began selling at the farmers market.
 - (B) Christopher Thornton was concerned honey would not be popular.
 - (C) Black Bee Honey earned over \$1,000 a week.
 - (D) Reginald Burroughs came up with the idea for teens to start a business.