Economics and Community Development

Grades 3 to 5 | Five day interdisciplinary inquiry

First and Last Name: _____

Date: _____ Class: _____

Essential Question

How can a community justify a spending plan?

Standards connections

NJSLS Social Studies 6.1 and 6.3 grade band strands: community, sources, choices and environment. NJSLS ELA 2023: RI.CR, RI.CI, W.IW and SL.PE. CCSS/CCLS: RI.1, W.2 and SL.1 at the applicable grade. Mathematics: counting, operations, measurement and data. Science: planning comparisons and explaining observations. Health: shared routines and safe materials where connected to the topic.

Read or listen to the sources. Cite evidence when you explain. Your teacher may support reading and allow drawing, dictation or AAC as documented. Never share private family, medical or financial information.

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Day 1 | Read and Notice

Do Now

What do you already know about economics and community development?

Source 1

Communities use resources to provide goods and services. Local businesses create jobs, while governments make decisions about public services. A budget records expected income and spending. Comparing costs and benefits helps people evaluate proposals for libraries, parks, and safe streets.

Source investigation

Identify two details that help answer the essential question.

Quick Write

Explain one important source detail.