

Activity 1.1.1 Basic Provisions

Purpose

The most **basic needs** of human beings include **food, clothing, and shelter**. Due to innovations and advances made in providing for basic needs, many people today take these items for granted. However, your predecessors could not. Early hunters and gatherers spent nearly all of their time searching for food, clothing, and shelter for themselves and their family.

As agriculture developed, farmers could produce enough food for storage and to sell to others. Advancements in agricultural production and practices have led to the involvement of fewer people in production agriculture and have allowed more people to explore other industries and careers. The development of **luxury items**, such as **cellular phones and cars**, has occurred as the industries and careers outside of agriculture grew.

How has the development and advancement of agriculture changed the items you have in your life? As you complete this activity, you will take a walk in the shoes of people throughout time to answer this question.

Materials

Per group of four students:

Provision Note Cards

Per student:

Pencil

Procedure

You will be working in a group of four students. Read the directions for Part One below and begin this activity.

Part One – Hunting and Gathering

When your teacher instructs you to do so, each person in your group will go get one blue note card.

Return to your group.

Place your cards on the table. The cards describe all of the resources available to you after a long day of survival.

Identify the items you have available to you as food, clothing, or shelter in Table 1 of *Activity 1.1.1 Student Worksheet*.

Answer Part One analysis questions on the student worksheet

In your group, discuss how a hunting and gathering lifestyle might affect population, survival rates, and leisure time. Record your thoughts.

Part Two – Early Agriculture

1. When your teacher instructs you to do so, each person in your group will go get two yellow note cards.
2. Return to your group.
3. Place your cards on the table and determine if you have sufficient resources. In this round, each card provides a sufficient quantity of resources to feed, clothe, or shelter all members in your group. For example, if you gather a lumber card, you can build a shelter for your entire group. If you gather a rice card, you have enough carbohydrates for the entire group.

Food – At least one item from each of the following groups

Protein	Carbohydrate	Fruits and Vegetables
Cattle	Wheat	Apples
Sheep	Corn	Oranges
Pigs	Rice	Peas
Chickens	Potato	Beans

Clothing – Fabric or leather

Shelter – Lumber, canvas tarps, or brick

Select up to two items you may want to trade with only one other group.

When instructed by your teacher, exchange items with one other group willing to trade.

Identify the items you have available to you as food, clothing, or shelter in Table 2 on the student worksheet.

Answer the Part Two analysis questions.

Part Three – Life in the 21st Century

1. When your teacher instructs you to do so, each person in your group will go get three green note cards.
2. Return to your group.
3. Place your cards on the table and determine if you have sufficient resources. In this round, each card provides sufficient quantities of the item on the card for the whole group.

Three meals – breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Four items of clothing – shirt, pants or shorts, shoes, jacket

Shelter – house

Select up to four items to trade with other groups, if desired. You may trade with multiple groups in this round.

Exchange items with other groups when instructed by your teacher.

Place your cards on the table and determine if you have what your group wants.

Select up to four items to make another trade with other groups, if desired.

Exchange items with other groups when instructed by your teacher.

Identify the items you have available to you as food, clothing, shelter, or luxury items in Table 3 on the student worksheet.

Answer the Part Three analysis questions.

Conclusion

1. How has agriculture made life and survival easier for humans?

Its made life easier for use because things became easier to find like food and shelter.

What are three improvements to agriculture that have made life easier for you?

We don't have to do anything anymore. Other people do the job for use now. Also its less work because we don't have to starve or run after things anymore.

Do you live on a farm? Where do you get agricultural products? No I don't and I get my stuff from the store

Name _____

Activity 1.1.1 Student Worksheet

Table 1. Hunting and Gathering

Food	Clothing	Shelter
Fish (feeds 2)	Animals Hide (clothes 2)	Teepee
Dried berries (feeds 1)		

Part One Analysis Questions

Did your group collect sufficient resources for survival, such as food, clothing, and shelter for four people? Why or why not?

We don't have enough stuff for everyone. The only thing we can share is a teepee. Only 3 people can eat and only two will have clothes. That is why we don't have enough.

What challenges does your group face based on the resources you collected to provide food, clothing, and shelter?

The challenge was only 1 out of 4 people could starve and 2 out of 4 would be cold so we had to make are own clothes and eat cold fish.

Table 2. Early Agriculture

Food	Clothing	Shelter
Carbohydrate Potato (2)	Cattle	Lumber
Carbohydrate Rice (2)		
Carbohydrate Corn (1)		
Fruits and Vegetables apples (1)		
Protein cattle (1)		

Part Two Analysis Questions

Did your group collect sufficient resources for survival? Why or why not?

Yes we survived because we had a lot of food, Lumber and clothing for all of use.

What challenges does your group face based on the resources you collected to provide food, clothing, and shelter?

We had to kill the cow for food then skin the cow.

How did trading help your group?

If we didn't trade then we wouldn't have clothing or shelter.

In your group, discuss how early agriculture practices affect population, survival rates, and leisure time. Record your thoughts. The population will grow.

Table 3. 21st Century

Food	Clothing	Shelter	Luxury
Breakfast- Bacon & eggs	shirt	house	
Breakfast- Coffee & Donuts	shorts		
Lunch- Hot Dog	jeans		
Lunch, Dinner- Pizza	shoes		
Lunch, Dinner- Taco			
soda			
milk			

Part Three Analysis Questions

Did your group collect sufficient resources for survival? Why or why not?

Yes because we had all the resources.

How did trading help your group?

Trading helped use by giving use a shirt without a shirt we wouldn't have survived.

What differences do you see between food items from early agriculture and food today?

At the beginning there wasn't enough to feed everyone but later on there was enough to provide use all. Also it was one type of food it was plain and boring now its all kids of stuff mixed together.

Why are luxury items desirable even though they are not considered a basic need?

It can help you communicate with people and entertain use.