Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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   - Kids get a playground but no pool.
   - Kids get a pool and a playground.
   - Kids get neither one.

2. In a dry summer, a town has little water. Which plan helps the most people?
   - let each home use as much as it wants
   - limit lawn watering so homes have water
   - fill every swimming pool first
   - water the golf course every day

3. Kai has $10. A book costs $6 and a cap costs $7. Why can't he buy both?
   - Together they cost $13, more than $10.
   - Together they cost $1.
   - The cap costs more than $10.
   - Together they cost $10, all he has.

4. Why does every town face scarcity?
   - Only small towns ever have to choose.
   - Scarcity happens only in deserts.
   - Every town wants more than it can pay for.
   - Some towns can buy everything they want.

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- The trip costs nothing.
- They can do both with the same money.
- They need it to get to work.
- The car is a want, not a need.

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- Plants that need water most get it first.
- It uses two hoses instead of one.
- Every bed gets water at the same time.
- The wettest beds get the most water.

8. Ana chose a $5 kite over a $5 book. Later she wished she had the book. What did she learn?

- Kites always cost more than books.
- Every choice gives something up.
- Books are always the better choice.
- She could have had both for $5.

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- pick the one that costs the most
- pick whatever the principal likes best
- buy both with the same money
- ask students and teachers what is needed most

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- No, together they cost $900.
- Yes, together they cost $700.
- No, together they cost $1,000.
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