



Lesson Plan Summary Magic Tree House #32: To the Future, Ben Franklin

What can you do with a \$100 bill to make the world a better place?

A Critical Skills Thinking/ Math Planning Project

EACH STUDENT WILL:

- Read and discuss To the Future Ben Franklin and Fact Tracker Benjamin Franklin noting the contributions he made to his community and country.
- Plan and discuss with a partner or small group ways to make the world a better place.
- List organizations that help people, animals, or the environment.
- List materials needed for a planned project.
- Research prices of materials needed.
- Calculate money combinations to total \$100.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

READING:

- KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS
 (RI2.1, RI3.1, RI4.1)
 Ask and answer such questions as who,
 what, where, when, why and how to
 demonstrate understanding of key details
 in a text.
- CRAFT and STRUCTURE
 (RI 2.5, RI 3.5, RI 4.5)
 Use text features and search tools to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently

WRITING:

TEXT TYPE and PURPOSES
 (W2.2, W3.2, W4.2)
 Write informative /explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly

SPEAKING AND LISTENING:

• COMMUNICATION and COLLABORATION (S/L 2.3,S/L 3.3, S/L 4.3)

Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.

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wallet

\$100 bill

planning sheet

In 1914, the first \$100 bill was printed featuring Benjamin Franklin. His lifetime of accomplishments and contributions to his community and country, helped to better our nation. This activity will give the students a chance to plan together to help their community when given a \$100 bill to spend for a good purpose.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- To The Future, Ben Franklin and Benjamin Franklin Fact Tracker
- Wallet/\$100 Bill tri-fold, located in appendix
- Extra planning writing sheets for back of tri-fold (optional)
- Colored pencils or crayons

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PROCEDURE

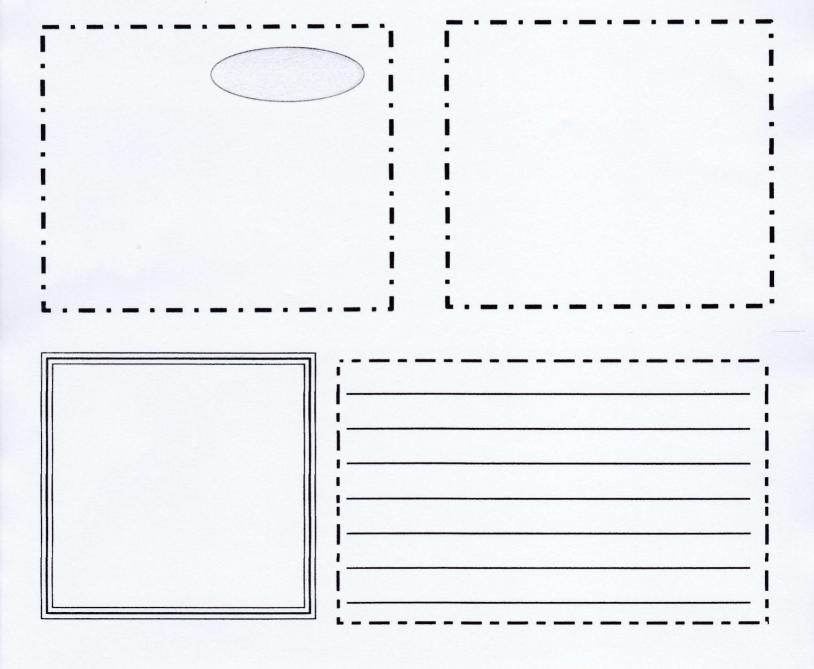
- **1.** Prep the wallet tri-fold ahead of time. First, fold in the planning sheet creasing exactly on the line. Next, fold over the \$100 bill. Finish by folding the wallet.
- 2. Student colors the wallet and the \$100 bill.
- 3. Discussion with students Just as Benjamin Franklin gave to his community, you will have the opportunity to spend a hundred dollars to help those in need in your community or to make your community a better place to live.
- 4. Suggestions -
 - **2**nd **grade** The students will brainstorm in pairs or in groups to decide the names of charities, causes, or community projects to make a donation. They will calculate estimated contributions, in \$5 and \$10 increments, to the total of \$100.
 - **3**rd **grade** The students will do same as the 2nd grade and in addition make a plan to further explain their project such as making sandwiches for the homeless, buying blankets and toys for the animals in a shelter, making a school vegetable garden...
 - 4th grade level The students will do the same as the 3rd grade and in addition research the specific costs of the items needed for their project.
- 5. The budget and plans can be neatly displayed in the fold out wallet. Additional planning sheets can be double side printed to the tri-fold wallet (ahead of time) or pasted on the back, as needed.

Appendix

- Wallet tri-fold
- Extra planning/writing sheets for wallet tri-fold.

 This sheet can be printed on the back of the wallet tri-fold for a more involved plan.





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