



# Commerce on the Railroad

## Post-Visit Lesson

Grades: PreK-2nd Grade

Class Time Needed: 30 minutes

**Big Idea** Students will understand the benefits of trade and where our goods come from.

### Maryland Curriculum Standards

#### Social Studies Framework

- Essential Question (Pre-K and Kindergarten): Why do people trade?
- Essential Question (1st grade): Why do people trade goods and services?
- Essential Question (2nd grade): How do individuals and groups produce goods and services?

### Materials Needed

- Picture book (either "Swap" by Steve Light or "A Good Trade" by Dr. Julie Wood)
- Goods and Services worksheet (see end of lesson plan)
- Writing utensil of your choice

### Teacher Resources

- Link to video reading of "A Good Trade" by Dr. Julie Wood <https://youtu.be/i5iMpay8zww>
- Link to video reading of "Swap!" by Steve Light <https://m.facebook.com/KidLitTV/videos/1439606962740137/>



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## Lesson Procedure

### Introduction:

Discuss with students what it means to “trade” something. Have they ever traded anything before?

Read one of the recommended picture books to explain how people can trade goods to get what they want/something better than what they have. We can also trade “services” which is when someone does an action in return for something. Ask the students to name some services (examples: cooking, sewing, mowing the grass, walking the dog, etc).

Discuss how most people today trade using money.

### Direct Instruction (Student Activity):

Discuss how trade helps us every day because we use trade to get things that are grown or made far away.

Using the worksheet, discuss what items you have locally and which items are brought from far away.

### Conclusion:

Do students have a favorite item from the worksheet? What do we send to other places that they enjoy?



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Decide whether the items below are grown/made NEAR where you live or FAR AWAY from where you live. Circle either NEAR or FAR AWAY below each item.

<p>Bananas</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>	<p>Crabs</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>	<p>Oranges</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>
<p>Clothes</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>	<p>Tablets</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>	<p>Medicine</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>
<p>Cow Tales Candy</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>	<p>Avocados</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>	<p>Berger Cookies</p>  <p>NEAR      FAR AWAY</p>