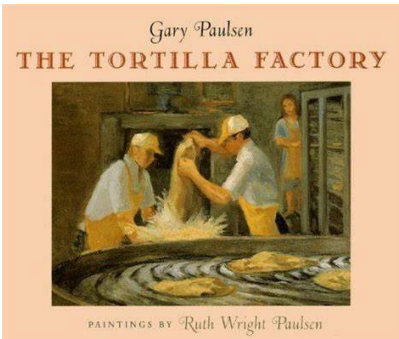


The Tortilla Factory



Author: Gary Paulsen, illus. by Ruth Wright Paulsen

Book Summary: "In clear and eloquent language, Gary Paulsen pays tribute to a cycle of life--from seed to plant to tortilla. With Ruth Wright Paulsen's expressive paintings, The Tortilla Factory brings forth the poetry and beauty of a simple way of life."

Ages: 4-7

Length: 32 pages

Grades: PK-3

ISBN: 978-0-152-01698-2

Lexile Rating: 670L

Online Read-aloud: [Heidi Olson \(2:51\)](#)

Washington State Financial Education Standards	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
SS: Spending & Saving CD: Credit & Debt EI: Employment & Income I: Investing RM: Risk Management & Insurance FD: Financial Decision-Making	EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences	EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1C	Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4B-C Social Engagement: 6C

Resource: [The Tortilla Factory Q&A](#)

Summary: Five text-dependent questions for post-reading discussion.

Grade: 3-5

Source: [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](#)

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Lesson: [The Tortilla Factory Lesson](#)

Summary: (60 minutes) Students build a paper taco to learn how productive (human, natural and capital) resources and intermediary goods are used to make final goods and services.

Grade: 3-5

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:

- 3rd Grade ELA: RL.3.1, 3.5, 3.10;
SL.3.1a-d, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6

Lesson: [Explore Economics Video Series - The Perfect Breakfast](#)

Summary: "A Perfect Breakfast" helps students understand why people in different regions, states, and nations trade. The video tells the story of a child in Canada who wants orange juice for breakfast and a child in Florida who wants syrup for breakfast.

Grade: K-5

Source: [EconLowdown](#)

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:
Not listed

Resource: [Pancakes, Pancakes](#)

Summary: [Compare and contrast](#) these two [stories](#) of how human and natural resources produce food.

Grade: K-5

Source: [Youtube](#), [SuperTeacherWorksheets](#)

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Resource: [Homemade Flour Tortilla Recipe](#)

Summary: Traditional, lard-based recipe.

Grade: All

Source: [AllRecipes](#)

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