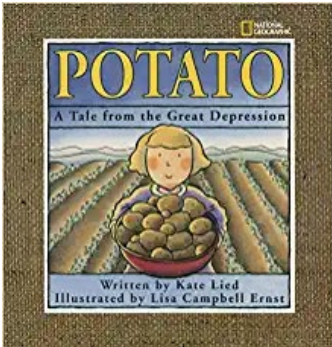


Potato: A Story from the Great Depression



Author: Kate Lied, illus. by Lisa Campbell Ernst

Book Summary: "During the Great Depression, a family seeking work finds employment for two weeks digging potatoes in Idaho."

Ages: 5-9

Length: 32 pages

Grades: K-4

ISBN: 978-0-792-26946-5

Lexile Rating: 660L

Online Read-aloud: [Ben-Hem to Seed to Harvest \(4:33\)](#)

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: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation RM: Identify common types of risks and basic risk management methods FD: Recognize the responsibilities associated with personal financial decisions	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation RM: Identify common types of risks and basic risk management methods FD: Recognize the responsibilities associated with personal financial decisions
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1C Self-Management: Benchmarks 2A-b Self-Efficacy: Benchmarks 3A-C	Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4A-C Social Engagement: Benchmarks 6A, C

Resource: [Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression Q & A](#)

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

Grade: 3-5 (Ages 7-9)

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

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Lesson: [Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression Lesson](#)

Summary: (60-90 minutes) Lesson on goods and services features a whole group bartering activity incorporating math skills.

Grade: 3-5 (Ages 7-9)

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

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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

Resource: [Escape from the Barter Islands](#)

Summary: Online game takes students through the fundamentals of bartering and the value of uniform currency as they help shipwrecked Robbie navigate his way through the Barter Islands. English and Spanish game versions available.

Grade: All ages

Source: [Cleveland Fed Online Games](#)

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Lesson: [Powerful Potato](#)

Summary: Students observe a potato grow with and without soil, chart potato geography on a world map, and hold a potato dress up contest. Extension activities and video links included.

Grade: 3-5

Additional Washington Learning Standards:
Not Listed

Source: [National Agriculture in the Classroom](#)

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