



Can a few cents revitalize a community?

Around the world, millions of talents go to waste because people lack the resources to get started. In 2006, Muhammad Yunus won the Nobel Peace Prize for his innovative idea of microlending to help impoverished communities. In this project, students will learn how microlending can be an incredibly powerful force for good. Your class will raise and lend money to entrepreneurs in developing nations who are trying to make a positive impact on the world.

Imagine if thousands of kids just like yours, all around the country, made small investments today that would have an immense impact on communities around the world. What an incredible way to make the world a better place!



Start with why

Lesson 1: Fish Out of Water

Launch this project by playing the game, "Fish Out of Water." Students learn important economic concepts by immersing themselves in an engineering challenge. **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES**



Think it through

Lesson 2: Explore Microlending Stories

To understand the power of microlending, you must experience the stories of the people it helps. In this lesson, use the power of narrative to help students see and feel the ingenious way in which microlending empowers people to help themselves.

Lesson 3: Puppet Plays

Students deepen their understanding of economics in a fun and creative way when they work together to create puppet shows about microlending. As students watch and present the shows, they gain a greater appreciation for the power of small changes to make a big difference!



Work it out

Lesson 4: A Little Goes a Long Way: Choose Your Charity

In this lesson, students make their learning real by exploring and selecting an approved loan request. Students dive in to KIVA.org and explore powerful requests. They then discuss and debate to choose a group or individual to support. **MATH**

Lesson 5: Make Your Fundraiser Pitch

Once the class has selected a request to support, they need to figure out how to raise the money. Gamify your decision by inviting local celebrities to serve as judges to help determine which outstanding fundraiser your class will conduct!

Lesson 6: FUNdraiser Planning—Now with Extra FUN!

Planning a fundraiser takes many steps. Help students think through the details by breaking down the fundraiser into manageable parts, then drawing, labeling, and arranging the parts to make a coherent plan.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



Fix it up

Lesson 7: Engin-Nearing Perfection

Iteration refines a project. Give your students the time and space to take the first draft of their fundraiser and craft it into something incredible.



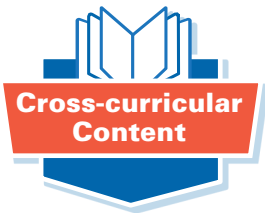
Share your awesome

Lesson 8: The FUNdraiser

Make the world a better place by raising money for the worthy cause your class selected. Put on an incredible fundraiser to share your awesome with the world!

Suggested project time: **8 hours**





Math

NUMERICAL EXPRESSIONS

When identifying individuals in need of small loans, students apply their understanding of numerical expressions to better understand the requests.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.OA.A.2

English Language Arts

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

As students explore economics, help them determine the meaning of domain-specific vocabulary.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.4

Science

MATTER AND ITS PROPERTIES

As students explore the materials in the “Fish Out of Water” game, help them understand how the properties of matter relate to their function. **NGSS 5-PS1-3**

Social Studies

VARIETY OF RESOURCES

Students identify and classify a variety of resources that are used to produce goods.

D2.Eco.3.3-5

Social Emotional Learning

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS AND SOCIAL AWARENESS

Help students share their fundraising ideas with others as you teach relationships skills and social awareness. **CASEL CORE COMPETENCIES**

Not teaching these standards?

Go to BlueAppleTeacher.org for more content-connection options.



Kit Supplies

- 22 Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank, by Paula Yoo and Jamel Akib
- Paper Bags
- Gummy Fish
- Marbles
- Pipe Cleaners
- Tape
- String

Online Resources

- “Fish Out of Water” Game
- The Pedro Story (YouTube 1:36)
- Blue Apple Fundraiser Ideas
- “Ultimate Fish Catcher of Doom” Instructions
- The F.U.N. Part Protocol
- And so much more!



Bring the World to Your Students

- Meet a Small Business Expert
- Ask a Microlending Expert
- Connect with a Celebrity

Bring Your Students to the World

- Change the World with KIVA
- Connect with Community Leaders
- Be Talk Show Worthy
- Meet the Press



The Puppet Prophecy

Share your fundraiser by using your puppets to explain it to another class. Have them make a prediction about how much your fundraiser will raise; then, see if they can come up with ways to make their prophecy come true!



Applying Creative and Critical Thinking

How can I get my students to apply critical and creative thinking skills to my content?

Student Choice and Voice

How can I add more student choice without classroom chaos?

This is just the beginning!

Go online to access the complete project.



- Clear **learning targets** and **step-by-step instructions**
- Dozens of links to **supporting resources**
- **Mini-lessons** aligned to content standards
- **Videos and contact information** from industry experts
- **Ideas to collaborate** with other classrooms
 - Practical, point-of-use **instructional strategies**
 - Access to a grade-specific **Project Coach**

