

The Prince and the Pauper Activity
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Overview:
Occupations and Titles
Grades 5-7

A title is a word put before a person's name to show rank, honor, or occupation. An occupation is an activity that serves as one's regular source of livelihood.

The Prince and the Pauper introduces various individuals and groups that are labeled with either a title or an occupation or both. The study of these titles and occupations provides a better understanding of 15th century English culture.

Class Discussion of Classroom Jobs

Have the students focus on the classroom Job Bulletin Board. As a class, discuss the jobs that are assigned in the classroom. Use the following questions to help foster a rich discussion:

What would happen if we eliminated the _____ job?

What actions are required to perform the job of _____?

How would you change the way the jobs are assigned?

Which job is the most important? Why?

Which job is the least important? Why?

What criteria would you use to assess an individual's performance of a job?

What other jobs need to be added to classroom job list?

Building Background for Individual Projects

Materials:

- Classifieds of a local and/or larger city newspaper
- Examples of Help Wanted posters
- Several sports cards (baseball, football, tennis)

Allow students to read and discuss the above materials in groups. Provide each group with a list of questions or thoughts to help facilitate the group discussion. The following are some suggested thoughts or questions that may be used (but not limited to).

How is the Classified section of the newspaper organized?
What information is included in most of the Help Wanted Ads?
What format is used on the sports cards?
What information is included on the stats section of the card?
What information is included on the Help Wanted posters?
Are the Help Wanted posters creative or very plain?

Individual Projects

Give the students the choice of one of the project options below.

Project Options:

Help Wanted Newspaper Ad – Create a help wanted ad for an occupation listed below that would be listed in the classifieds.

Help Wanted Poster – Create a Help Wanted Poster for an occupation listed below that would be displayed in a business window.

Creation of a New Title or Occupation – Write a complete description of a new title or occupation.

Title Card (baseball card) – Design a title card for a title listed below.

The following lists some of the names/titles/occupations of individuals or groups in *The Prince and the Pauper*.

archangel	chamberlains	esquires
pensioners	chronicler	executors
attendants	bakers	files
barber-surgeon	cofferer	guards
patrician	courtiers	halberdiers
patriarchs	curs	husbandmen
baronet	dells	lackeys
barons	dowagers	maunders
chancellor	doxies	priest
morts	earl	soldiers
mendicants	equerries	butcher