

Alamo History Trunks: Wants Versus Needs



Overview: This activity is designed to allow students to analyze the purpose of the 1800s objects. Your students will classify, interact and evaluate by sorting the objects into two categories, objects that are a necessity and objects that are desired. Wants versus Needs

Directions

Needed Supplies

- Alamo History Trunk
- Wants Versus Need T-Chart (Page 2)
- Images of Objects for cut and paste option (Page 3)

Discuss the Instructions

Give students an opportunity to explore the objects in the trunk and determine which objects are a necessity versus a desire.

Suggested Options:

1. Use the objects in the trunk to have a whole group discussion on sorting objects into the two categories.
2. Small group discussion that will focus on one object and determine if it's considered a necessity or desire.
3. Independent activity that allows students to cut, sort and paste the object cards onto the wants versus needs t-chart.

Guiding Questions

1. Which object do you consider to be the most needed for the frontier?
2. Which object do you consider to be the most desirable for the frontier?
3. What objects are considered to be a necessity or desire today?

Extension

1. Ask students to create a list of their own everyday objects. Students will create a wants versus needs list using their own objects.
2. Narrow the list by having students choose their top 3 wants and needs using the History Trunk Objects.
3. Give students an opportunity to choose an object and complete research to understand if the object was considered a necessity or desire in the 1800s.

Feedback

- Please share your questions or feedback by emailing education@thealamo.org

History Trunk Wants Versus Need



Directions: Sort the objects into two categories,

1. Want- Objects that are desired but not needed for survival in the 1800s.
2. Need- Objects that are considered important and needed for survival in the 1800s.

WANT	NEED

Teacher Directions: Images of objects for cut and paste option, each student will get one set.
(2 sets per sheet)

Wants versus Needs Object Card Set



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