

Doughnuts

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POS/SOL: SS 2.7

Marzano Strategy: Generating and Testing Hypotheses

We have been learning about natural resources, human resources, and capital resources. Have students define each one. Today we are going to examine how capital resources can help increase productivity.

Assessment: Class discussion

Engage and Educate

What types of machines do you use at home? What problems do you ever have with these machines? Why do people use machines? Read the "Doughnuts" by Robert McCloskey to the class. Have students identify the natural, human, and capital resources. How do capital resources help increase productivity? Brainstorm a list of tasks that could use a machine to help increase productivity.

Assessment: Class discussion

Active Learning

Have students invent a machine that will help increase productivity. Draw a picture of your invention and describe what it does.

Assessment: Completed product

Reflect

Have students share their machines with the class. Have them explain how they will help increase productivity and the advantages of machines. You can also have them think about the disadvantages of capital resources and if the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Now and Then

Today we learned how capital resources can be used to increase productivity. We will next learn how limited resources forces people to make choices about producing and consuming goods and services.