

Title of Lesson Plan	Can We Live Without Paper?
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Grade Level(s)	3 and 4
Keywords (subjects covered)	Writing, Oral Language, Research and Inquiry, Economics
Brief Description	Students will gain a greater understanding of the importance of paper to modern society by considering what their lives would be like without paper and will create a story, skit, or storyboard expressing their thoughts.
Total Time Required	2-3 thirty minute class periods depending on the size of the class
Setting	Classroom
Lesson Objectives/Goals	To emphasize the importance of the paper industry
Materials Needed	Writing notebooks, chalkboard
Standards Addressed	English- B.4.1-Writing, B.4.2-Writing, B.4.3-Writing, C.4.1-Oral Language, F.4.1- Research and Inquiry, Social Studies D.4.3 Economics
Procedure	<p>After talking about the paper industry in Wisconsin Social Studies or any Social Studies class ask the students to discuss how they use paper throughout a typical day. Record these answers on the board.</p> <p>Explain that for this activity, the students must pretend that paper was never invented or no longer exists. Explain that their dependence on paper to help them through their day (books, for example) will need to be replaced with something else. Ask students to describe 5 specific examples of how their lives would be different if paper had never been invented or no longer existed. Assign a deadline for the assignment that would involve one of the following activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Write a Creative Story *Develop a Group Skit *Design a Storyboard or Comic Strip <p>Students can work with a group or partner and will share the results of the activity with the class.</p>
Assessment	Evaluate the students based on their story, skit, or storyboard to see if they have understood the importance of paper in their lives.
Literature Cited/References	Publication Paper Makes Wisconsin Great!
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