Creating a Vocabulary Booklet

Purpose of Activity
This activity is designed to familiarize students with words in the “You’d Be Surprised” currency videos that they may not have seen before. By creating a vocabulary booklet and reviewing these words before the video is shown, the students will have a better understanding of the content presented.

Concepts taught: understanding words, vocabulary, definitions, alphabetical order

Materials Needed
- A list of vocabulary words and definitions from one of the “You’d Be Surprised” videos
- The “Creating a Vocabulary Booklet” worksheets
- The “More Vocabulary Booklet Pages” worksheet
- Dictionaries
- Stapler
- You’d Be Surprised: Special Features video and/or the You’d Be Surprised: The Journey video uscurrency.gov/videos

Instructions
1. Make copies of the vocabulary list and the worksheets for each student. Be sure to look at how many vocabulary words there are in the video so you make enough copies of the blank booklet pages.
2. Tell the students that they will be making a vocabulary booklet for a currency video they will be seeing.
3. Show the students how to cut apart the booklet pages, write each word and its definition, and then draw a picture of each word.
4. Ask the students to put their name on the front of the booklet, color it, put the pages in alphabetical order, and staple it.
5. Show the video(s) to the students to reinforce the vocabulary they have learned.

Level of Learning
Level One: Have the students create the booklet but don’t require them to draw a picture for each word.
Level Two: Follow the activity as written above.
Level Three: Encourage the students to look up the vocabulary words in a dictionary. Have them write the page number the word was found on in the dictionary beside the definition in their booklet. If the word is not in their dictionary, just have them write “NA” for Not Available. Check their work or help them if they are having difficulty looking up certain words or phrases.
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Instructions:
Guess what? You are about to create your own vocabulary booklet. Please cut out the boxes below. These boxes will be your booklet pages. On each page, write one vocabulary word on the first line and its definition on the lines under it. Next, draw a picture of the word in the open space below the lines. Continue to do this until all of your vocabulary words have their own special page. When you have finished, remember to write your name on the cover, color your booklet, put the pages in alphabetical order, and staple the booklet together.

My Vocabulary Booklet

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