

Objective: Students will learn about what a cooperative is and the history behind it. Students will be provided with fun and interactive ways to learn about co-ops.

Knowledge Testing: Each student will be provided a quiz designed to test their knowledge on The History of a Co-op. Quizzes are free to download on our website or visit our Kahoot! account for fun, interactive quizzes.

Kahoot!



Materials

History, Summary

History, Activity Page

History, Word Search

History, Quiz

Free materials are provided on our website at www.growingagriculturetogether.com

Checklist

- Watch "What is a Co-op? History"
- History, PowerPoint
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WHAT IS A CO-OP?

co-operative /kō äp(ə)rədīv/ *adjective* involving mutual assistance in working toward a common goal. *noun* a farm, business, or other organization which is owned and run jointly by its members, who share the profits or benefits.

HISTORY

Many farming cooperatives were formed in the early 1900's, but one of the first successful forms of a cooperative was a mutual insurance company which was formed in 1752. Today, there are many types of co-ops from telecommunications, whole-sale grocery, financial cooperatives, and agricultural cooperatives, also known as farm cooperatives.



THE FIRST CO-OP IN THE UNITED STATES was a mutual insurance company founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1752.

“Every man might help another, without any disservice to himself.”

Benjamin Franklin



CAPPER-VOLSTEAD ACT (1922)

- Legislation that allows Farmers to pool on purchases and sales
- Allows for Single Taxation
- Each member gets one vote
- Member business must be greater than non-member
- Voting members must be Ag Producers
- Operate for the benefit of Members

COOPERATIVE GROWTH IN THE 1930's

The **Great Depression** brought about additional support for the need to form cooperatives.

- **Farm Credit Act 1933** – Providing production loans for farmers
- **Rural Electricity Act 1937** – Creating REAs to bring affordable utilities services to rural America



WORKING TOGETHER

Cooperatives were initially formed by groups for economic clout. Agricultural Local Co-ops were formed by farmers to do what they couldn't do alone, and Agricultural Regional Co-op's were formed by local co-ops to do what they couldn't do alone.

MEMBER-OWNERS



1. Own the company.
2. Work with the company.
3. Help make policy decisions in the company.

Anybody can become a member-owner of a cooperative by doing business with the cooperative.



COOPERATIVES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE LOCAL, STATE & NATIONAL ECONOMY, PROVIDING MANY JOBS IN RURAL AREAS.

OVER 100 MILLION AMERICANS OWN & CONTROL MORE THAN 47,000 COOPERATIVE BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES IN EVERY ECONOMIC SECTOR THROUGHOUT THE US.





**HOW MANY
CAN YOU FIND?**

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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COOPERATIVES WERE FORMED
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COULDN'T DO ALONE



CO-OP



NEBRASKA

IOWA

KANSAS

**LOOK FOR
YOUR LOCAL
CENTRAL
VALLEY AG IN
THESE STATES**

**DESIGN YOUR
OWN PICKUP**



I SPY

GRAIN BIN

SEMI

CORN

BEANS

SPRAYER

WHEAT

COWS



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WHAT IS A CO-OP?

From the outside, cooperatives may look like any other business. But inside, they are very different. A cooperative, also known as a co-op, is owned and controlled by the people closest to the business – those that do business with the company – and not distant shareholders. Complete the worksheet by answering the questions below.

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3) Name three types of cooperatives?

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Capper-Volstead Act

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Over 100 million

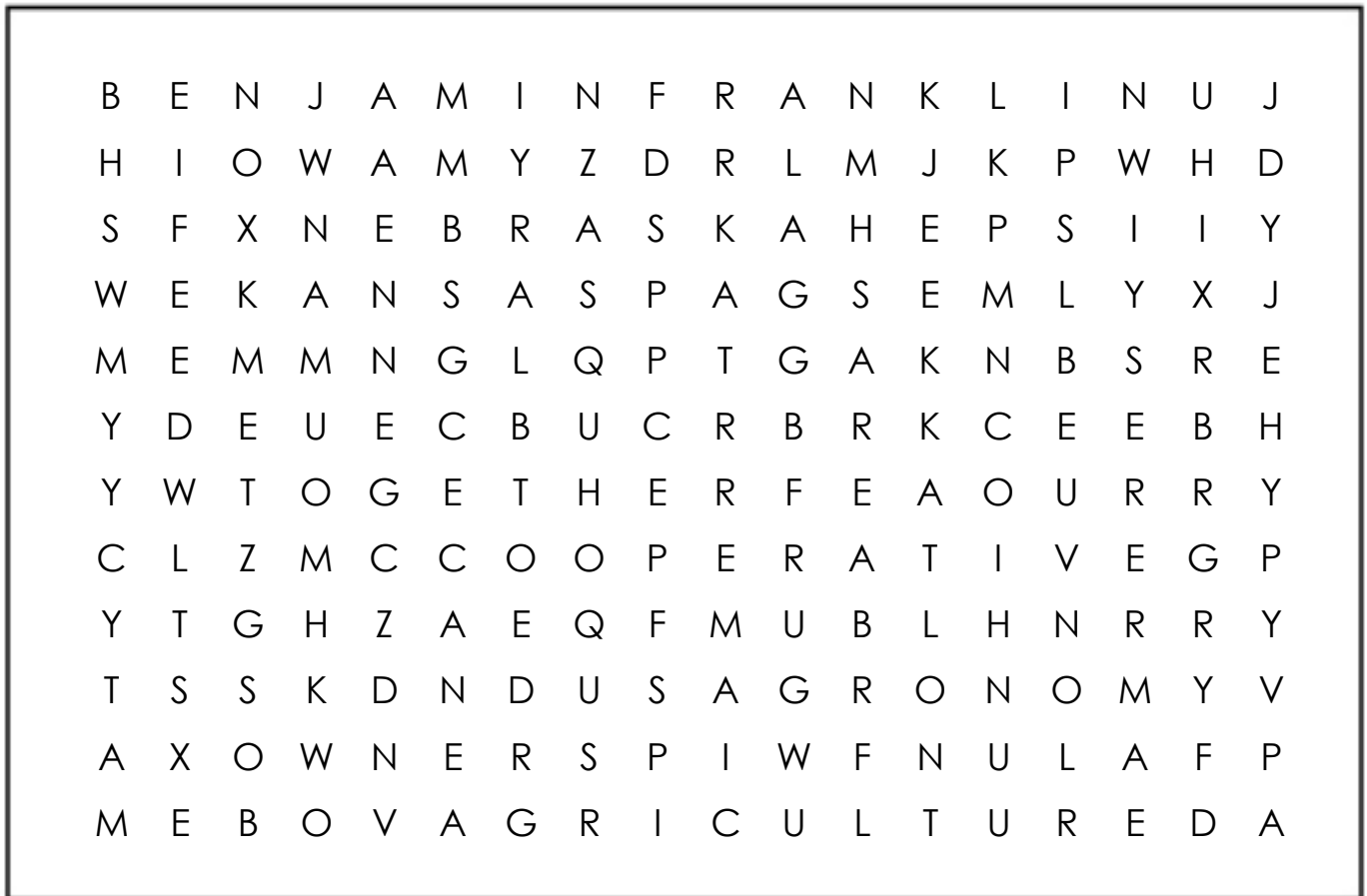
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The were formed to help people do together what they couldn't do alone

WHAT IS A CO-OP?

NAME: _____

DATE: _____



Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden ↑ ↓ ↘

AGRICULTURE
 AGRONOMY
 BENJAMINFRANKLIN
 COOPERATIVE
 ENERGY

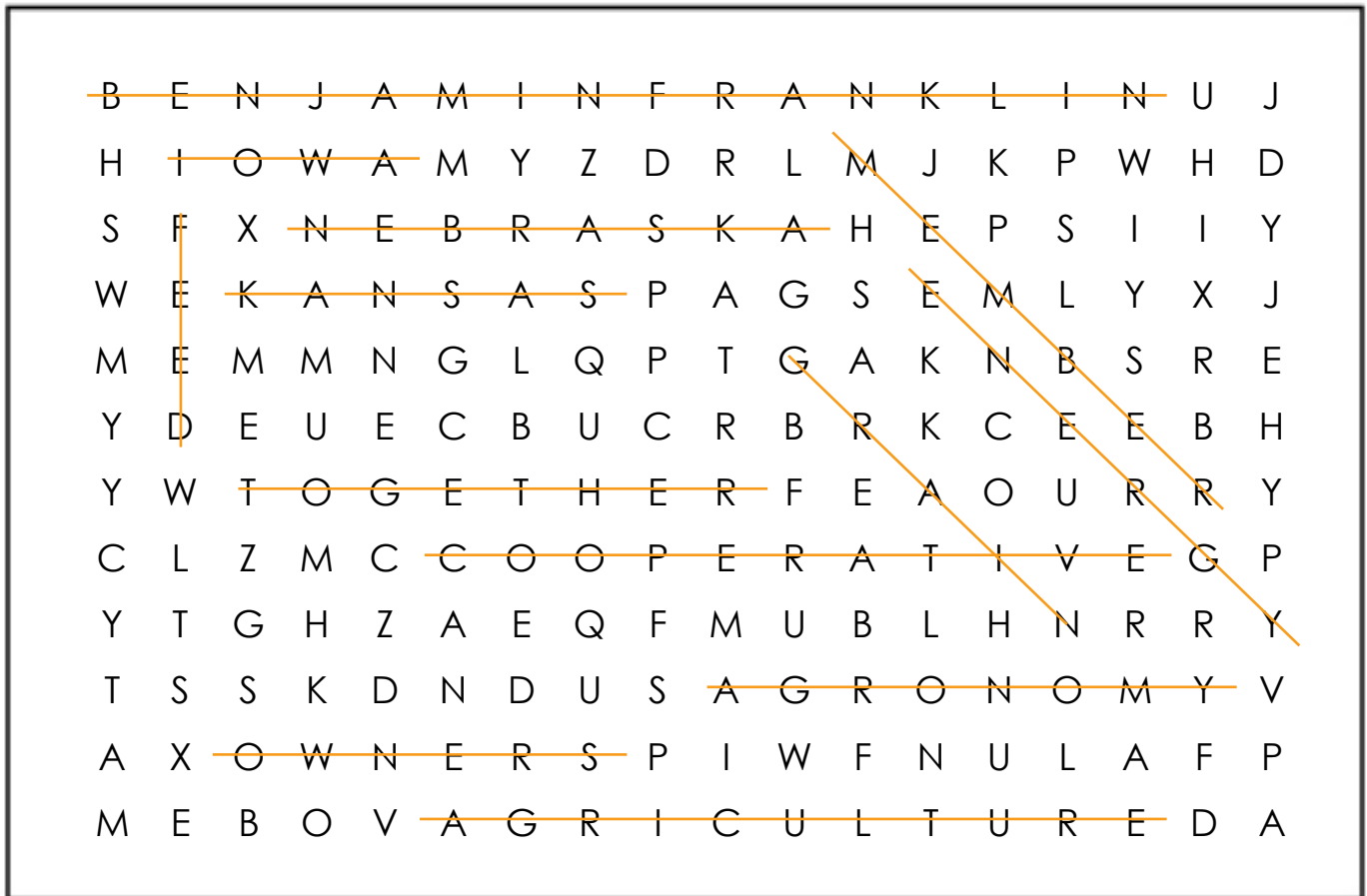
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