Hunger Games: Districts and Linear Functions

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Grade Level: 8
Duration: 2 class periods

National Standards

GEOGRAPHY
Element 2: Places and Regions
4. The physical and human characteristics of places.
5. That people create regions to interpret Earth’s complexity.

AZ Standards

MATHEMATICS
ALGEBRA
Interpreting Functions
A1.F-IF.B.4 For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs and tables in terms of the quantities, and sketch graphs showing key features given a verbal description of the relationship. Include problem-solving opportunities utilizing real-world context. Key features include: intercepts; intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive, or negative; relative maximums and minimums. Focus on linear, quadratic, exponential and piecewise-defined functions (limited to absolute value and step).

SCIENCE
Earth and Space
8.E1U4.8 Construct and support an argument about how human consumption of limited resources impacts the geosphere.

Arizona Social Science Standards

GEOGRAPHY
8.G1.1 Use geographic tools and representations to analyze historical and modern political and economic issues and events. Key tools and representations include but are not limited to maps, globes, aerial and other photos, remotely sensed images, tables, graphs, and geospatial technology.

SIOP Elements

Preparation
Adapting content
Linking to background
Linking to past learning
Strategies used

Scaffolding
Modeling
Guided practice
Independent practice
Comprehensible input

Grouping Option
Whole class
Small groups
Partners
Independent

Integrating Processes
Reading
Writing
Speaking
Listening

Application
Hands on
Meaningful
Linked to objectives
Promotes engagement

Assessment
Individual
Group
Written
Oral

Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards
Grade 6-8
Basic
Listening and Reading
Overview

The year is 2096. Panem, is the country that rose up out of the ashes of a place that was once called North America. Panem is the result of drastic climate change that brought drought, storms, fires, encroaching seas that swallowed up much of the land, and a brutal war for the few resources that remained. In Panem, each of the 12 Districts must furnish the Capitol with natural resources. This look at a future world through the popular novel, Hunger Games, provides an engaging dystopic scenario through which students analyze regional resources through charts, tables, graphs, linear functions, and algebraic equations.

Purpose

In this lesson students will analyze data to make an argument for how the production expectations of the Capitol impacts regions and their natural resources. Students will graph data and write an algebraic expression. They will also make predictions and generalizations about the impact of resources on the geosphere. While this lesson involves a fictional setting, the consumption of natural resources can be applied to our world today. This lesson contains adaptations for diverse learners (ELLs).

Key Vocabulary

- **thermal expansion**: increase in water volume due to rise in temperatures
- **natural resources**: materials that occur in nature, often used for an economic gain
- **economic advantage**: gains that occur involving money
- **linear function**: an equation with 1 or 2 variables that will form a line when graphed on a coordinate plane
- **cost/benefit analysis**: a process that weighs the benefit of a decision as it relates to the cost of the decision, often used to make political and business decisions

Materials

- Vocabulary Cards
- The Anatomy of Panem Graphic Organizer
- Panem Maps
  - Black and White Map (unlabeled)—Arizona Geographic Alliance
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- Panem District Cards (Districts 7, 10, 12)
**Objectives**
The student will be able to:

1. Analyze a region and its sustainability in terms of its use of natural resources.
2. Create graphs to represent quantities in real world context.
3. Interpret graphs to write expressions to represent a real-world situation.

**Procedures**

*Prerequisite Knowledge: Students should have been introduced to the linear functions and be comfortable with graphing calculators.*

**SESSION ONE**

*Engage:*

a. Open the class by saying, “The year is 2096 and America as we know it, is no more. As a result of DRASTIC climate changes, disasters, and rising seas that have changed the coastlines, a brutal war ensued over the limited resources left. Panem arose from the ashes of war. It is the new country made of 12 districts, each providing goods and services to the Capitol.”

*Application: Promotes engagement*

b. “To understand what is happening, we need to learn some new vocabulary that we can apply to the situation.” Distribute and review the Vocabulary Cards. Have students practice saying the words and definitions to a partner.

*Integrating Process: Listening and Speaking*

c. Continue with, “Let’s hear from Panem’s President Snow as he explains Panem’s history.” Watch (1.17) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl9aqZk4kFU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl9aqZk4kFU)

d. “So let’s continue to learn more about Panem’s Districts and resources.” Distribute The Anatomy of Panem Graphic Organizer, watch another clip [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsgt_TjHhWU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsgt_TjHhWU&feature=youtu.be) (1.28) and instruct students take notes on the Districts and their resources.

*Exploring:*

a. Pass out the black and white version of the Panem map that is unlabeled. In groups, have the students predict where the districts are located based on the goods they provide to the Capitol. *(Grouping Option: Small Groups)*

b. Project the colored version of the Panem map [https://www.panempropaganda.com/panem-maps/](https://www.panempropaganda.com/panem-maps/) and compare the group answers to the fictional setting of the book. Continue the discussion with “Why would Panem create new boundaries based on these resources? How might a District transport these resources to the Capitol? What do you notice about the size of each District? What could be some possible reasons for the difference in sizes?” *(Grouping Option: Whole Class)*

c. Optional: You may want to have students color their blank maps by District and make a key. Or provide students with a colored map.

*Explaining:*

a. Before sharing ideas with the class, have students share the following within their groups so that ELLs have an opportunity to rehearse their answers.

- What type of graph did your data produce?
- What was your equation to represent the data? *(Integrating Process: Speaking)*

b. Then ask groups to share out solutions for their District with the class. *(Integrating Process: Listening)* Clarify misconceptions, validate ideas and plausible solutions, reinforce terminology and academic vocabulary, and correct or discuss errors in math.
SESSION TWO

Elaborate:

a. Begin the class by having one or two groups share a summary of the previous session’s findings and new ideas. **Processes: Speaking; Preparation: Linking to past learning**

b. Distribute chart paper and art supplies. Instruct the groups to use their worksheets to create a poster. Posters should include but are not limited to:
   - Name of the District.
   - Data table.
   - A graph.
   - Algebraic equation.
   - Generalizations about the data as it relates to the District and how it supports the Capitol.

c. Have groups hang their posters so that all of the District 7 posters are together, District 10 posters are all together, etc. and do a gallery walk.

d. Instruct students to compare the graphs and information from the District posters for the same District and comment via sticky notes on the posters. Tell them to observe and make generalizations regarding the data presented.

e. Students can use these questions to guide them in making comments. You may want to project these so students can remember them.
   - What does the graph say about the goods produced?
   - What does the math suggest us about District productivity and their importance to the Capitol?
   - Why might the data be like this? Are there outside or natural factors that may affect the data?
   - How do you think the Capitol has impacted the natural resources of this district?

**Application: Meaningful, Hands on**

f. Groups will then partner with another group and use the Peer Evaluation Success Criteria Checklist to score one another’s poster. **Application: Promotes engagement**

Evaluate:

a. Give the Vocabulary Test and use the End Assessment to evaluate the students.
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