

Crossword Puzzle

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AGRICULTURE	DECADE	MANUFACTURE
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BOB	PIESTA	STREETCAR
BRAND	HIDE	TALLOW
CHARLESTON	INDUSTRY	

Across Clues

- A mark made on an animal's skin to show to whom it belongs.
- A period of ten years.
- Raw materials are turned into finished products.
- The average weather conditions of an area.
- The making and setting of a pool or service.
- A popular dance in the 1920s.
- A sun-dried brick made from clay soil, straw, and water.
- A short haircut on a woman.

Down Clues

- A long period of time when there is little or no rainfall.
- The science and business of growing crops and raising livestock.
- Popular music in the 1920s and still popular today.
- The skin of an animal.
- A device, especially one operated by electricity and designed for using in a house.
- A large car on rails for carrying people along the streets.
- A large party or festival.
- The roundup of a rancher's cattle for branding or sale.
- The annual tax from which soap and candles are made.

Background information: The crossword puzzle was invented by Arthur Wynne in 1913. Wynne worked on the entertainment supplement of the *New York World* newspaper. Pressured to devise a new game, he recalled a Victorian-era word puzzle, *Magic Square*. *Magic Square* was a child's game, frequently printed in 19th century British puzzle books and American penny periodicals. It consisted of a group of given words that had to be arranged so the letters read alike vertically and horizontally. It did not have any of the intricate word criss-crossings and blackened squares that Wynne built into his game. And where *Magic Square* gave a player the words to work with, Wynne created a list of Down and Across "clues," challenging the player to deduce the appropriate words. On December 21, 1913, American readers were challenged with the world's first crossword puzzle. The public loved it. Within months, the crossword puzzle was appearing in other newspapers, and by the early 1920s, every major U. S. paper featured its own crossword puzzle. While other games have come and gone, crossword puzzles have continued to become more and more challenging. Regularly enjoyed by more than fifty million Americans today, the crossword puzzle is rated as the most popular indoor game in the country.

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Crossword Puzzle Lesson Plan

Objective:

1. To learn vocabulary words by using a popular 1920s game

Time: 20-30 minutes

Materials:

1. "Crossword Puzzle" activity sheet
2. Pencils

Directions:

1. Distribute the "Crossword Puzzle" activity sheet.
2. Have students try to complete the puzzle without using their vocabulary sheets. If they need to refer to their vocabulary sheets, ask them to do so only after they have tried working on the puzzle without it.
3. After students have finished, discuss the answers to the questions (see Answer Key).

Additional activity:

1. Building sentences: Have students try to create sentences using the puzzle words.

Links to standards

Language Arts: RF.4.3, L.4.4a-c, L.4.6

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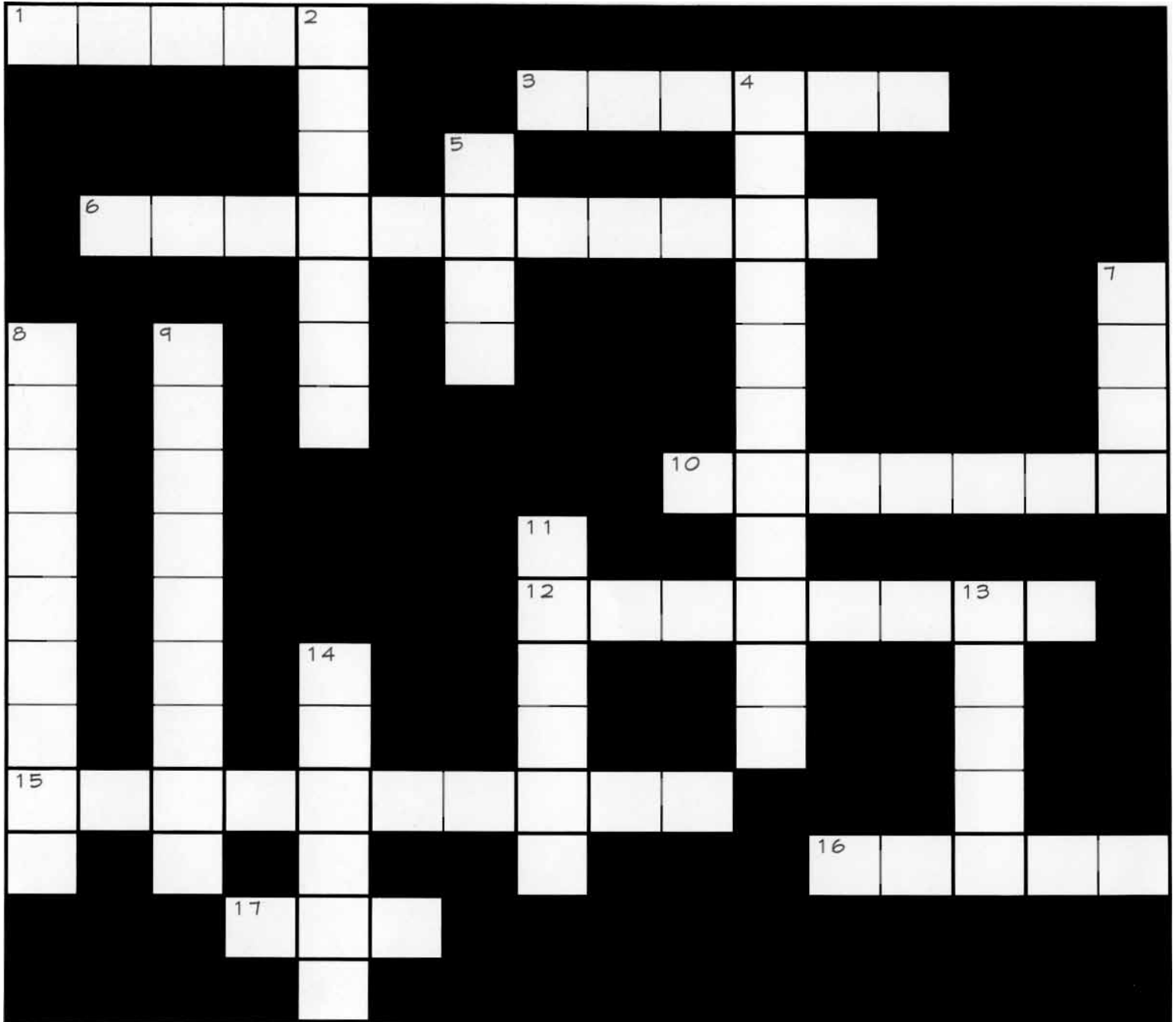
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