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Ancient Greece Unit

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Start the unit explaining about important trade was to the ancient Greek people. The marketplace, the Agora, is where people trade goods. Make cooperative groups/families and each family is has something they will trade at the Agora. I wrote different scenarios regarding economic status and what they have to trade and what they need to acquire.

Each family reads their scenario and makes up signs for the marketplace and creates their "goods". The goods are like "10 cows" SO they draw one cow on a scrap of paper and write 1 cow below it. Or maybe they have bolt of linen.

On the written scenario it explains what the family needs to trade for at the Agora. (I made sure that each family needed something that another family had to trade).

Big market day: Students put up signs, reread their scenario to determine what they need to trade for and then, let the trading begin...it gets wild and loud. At the end you evaluate who traded for what they needed and who came out ahead. Talk about economy, etc.

My students loved this. They talked about it for months. It was one of the activities where my normally lower achieving students totally excelled.

I cannot claim this as my idea. I read it in a book somewhere, but modified it and created my own scenarios to fit my class size and needs.