**Grade 7 Social Studies**

## Chapter 3

**Worksheet Answer Key**

**Building Personal Capital**

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1. Personal capital includes anything you have that can help you improve your economic situation.
2. Some examples of types of personal capital might include:

Savings in the bank

Skills

Willingness to work hard

property

1. If you take advantage of a sale on soup (or something else), you will be able to save money by buying many cans on special instead of just one. This money can then be used to help you save even more money.

**Owning a Home**

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1. A family’s home is usually its biggest capital investment.
2. The portion of a home that a family pays to start off is called a downpayment
3. A mortgage is : money borrowed from the bank. After a down-payment is made then the rest has to be borrowed in order to purchase a house.
4. Each month, the family makes a payment that increases the amount of the house that it owns.
5. Fill in the following diagram showing how a mortgage increases a family’s capital.

    

First Year 5 years 10 years 15 years 20 years

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# Breaking the Poverty Cycle

1. People who are caught in the poverty cycle have little chance to increase their personal capital
2. People can break the poverty cycle in many ways. One way that a person can break the poverty cycle is to get training or further education to improve your job skills.
3. The poverty cycle can also be broken when people work together to help each other.

**A Closer Look: Habitat for Humanity**

**Page 56 answer the following questions.**

1. Who are Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer organization that helps families get around the problem of needing a lot of capital to buy a house. It uses cash donations , volunteer workers and donated materials to build houses for people.

1. What do they do to help people break out of the poverty cycle?

They work together with the people in need so that these people can have their own home. They help them have a chance to get ahead by giving them a low mortgage payment and also help them get personal capital by owning a house. They give people a break!

1. What do the new homeowners have to contribute to the house or to Habitat for Humanity?

They contribute by doing 500 hours worth of work on the house and helping Habitat

for Humanity in other ways.

**The newspaper article (page 56)**

1. Ana Nan has a son who is 6 years of age when their home was built.
2. Ana Nan earns about $ 25, 000 each year.
3. The home that they built for her is valued at about $75,000
4. Her mortgage on this new home is about $ 160 per month.
5. Ms. Nan and her son are said to be good examples of a ‘Habitat family’ because they are hard-working and considerate
6. Ms. Nan worked as a registered nurse in her home country of Romania.
7. More than 5000 hours of work went into the home.
8. There is one Habitat home completed somewhere in the world every 48 minutes.
9. Journal : we will do this another time!