



Biddy Mason - Activities & Assignments

Biddy Mason became a philanthropist. Below are a few examples of other famous philanthropists. Look up who they are, how they made their money, and what their philanthropy funded (or funds):

Andrew Carnegie

Oprah Winfrey

Bill Gates

David Robinson



Can you identify any other famous philanthropists?

Imagine you are a real estate investor today. Look at the real estate listings in your town to get a sense of what kinds of properties are available and how much they cost. Select 3 properties that you are interested in. These could be houses, business properties, or land. Write down 1 reason why you think each piece of property would make a good investment.

Do you see any pieces of property that you think would not make a good investment? Select one example and write down 1 reason why you don't think that that piece of property would make a good investment.

Which parts of the country are growing the fastest? Which parts of the country would be a good investment right now? Which places are shrinking and might not make a good investment right now?

If you had a million dollars to invest, where would you invest it so that you could ensure that it would grow and increase?

What if you have \$100 to invest? What would be a smart way to invest that amount of money?

Share your selections with a classmate and review your classmate's selections. Offer suggestions on which property of theirs you think would make the best investment and why you think so.

Imagine at the end of your life that there was a memorial dedicated to you in your town. What would you want it to say? What would you want to be remembered for?

Have you ever seen or visited a memorial to a famous person? Who was it? Is there anyone you can think of who deserves a memorial to them? Who is it and what would it say?

Vocabulary

Profit, Assets, Appreciate/Depreciate, Philanthropy, Investment, Interest/compound interest, Down payment