

Folded Cup Activity – Teacher’s Instructions

Overview:

Students are divided into three groups. They view the finished cup. One group is given the materials needed to create the cup (paper), the second group is given the materials (paper) plus written instructions. The third group is given the materials (paper), instructions, plus a visual demonstration. This exercise illustrates the importance of education, training, and tools and how it enhances human capital thereby resulting in a better product.

Items needed:

- Copies of Origami Cup Instructions for each student in class
- 8 x 8 pieces of paper (one for each student)

Directions:

Divide the class into three equal groups. Show the finished cup to all groups; each student is to make a cup.

- Group 1: Give a 8 x 8 sheet of paper and time them.
- Group 2: Give a 8 x 8 sheet of paper and instructions. Time them.
- Group 3: Give a 8 x 8 sheet of paper. Demonstrate how to make the cup. Give the group the directions and time them.

Discussion:

Discuss how education, training, tools (instructions) and experience enhance human capital and result in a better product.