

Lesson Plan

This lesson plan is designed to help you teach using a Common Craft video. Use the information below to introduce the video and then follow the video with discussion questions and other resources.



commoncraft.com/video/project-management-basics

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Project Management Basics

Explained by Common Craft

At work or school, teamwork can be a challenge. When people have different specialities and priorities, it can be difficult to keep the team working smoothly. That's why projects often need someone who keeps things on track. This video introduces the basics of project management.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify three types of limitations that are inherent in many projects
- Define the terms deliverables, scope of the project, and stakeholders
- Explain a project manager's role on a team and the value that he/she brings to the team

Discussion Questions

Q #1

What characteristics would you like to see in your ideal project manager?

Q #2

Have you ever worked on a project that ended in chaos? How might a project manager have helped manage it?

Knowledge Check Q&A

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What is the role of a project manager?

Α

A project manager keeps every part of a project aligned and working within its limitations and also communicates with the stakeholders.

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What is a deliverable?

Α

The deliverable is the end result of the team's efforts.

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What is the scope of a project?

Α

Limitations such as time, budget, and resources, are called the scope of the project and are part of what define it.

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How do project managers work with stakeholders?

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Project managers communicate with them, understand their needs, and set expectations for the deliverable.

Resources for Learning More

Project Management Institute

https://www.pmi.org/membership/ benefits/career-professional Investopedia "Project Management"

http://www.investopedia.com/terms/p/ project-management.asp Harvard Business Review "Five critical roles in project management" 11/2016

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