**Economic Debriefing for *One Hen***

***Book by Katie Smith***

1. **![C:\Documents and Settings\amym\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Q9NSH7YB\MC900357281[1].wmf]()What is Kojo’s job?** *Collecting firewood*
2. **What is Kojo’s house made of?** *Mud walls*
3. **In what country does Kojo live?** *Ghana* (locate it on a map)
4. **How does Kojo’s mother earn a living?** *Selling firewood*
5. **How does she use the loan money?** *To buy a cart so she can carry more wood to market*
6. **Why does Kojo want some coins?** *To buy a chicken*
7. **What are things Kojo thought about doing with his savings from selling eggs?**
* *Build a chicken coop*
* *Buy things his mother needs*
* *Fees and uniform for school*
1. **What is his choice?** *Go to school*
2. **What do you think might have been the cause of Kojo’s father’s death?**

*The story does not say but given the issues faced by some Africans you might deduce* *AIDs, war, or lack of health care.*

1. **What subjects did he study in school?**

*Reading, writing, mathematics, history, spelling, science, social studies, how to filter water, how to use chicken manure and compost as fertilizer*

1. What do we call Kojo when he takes a risk to start his own business? *An entrepreneur*
2. How does Kojo finance his business? *Savings and bank loan*
3. What resources does Kojo need for his business? *Land, wood, wire, hens, water*
4. Which are capital tools or human – made items that can be used over and over for production? *Wire*
5. Which are natural resources or things that occur naturally in nature?

*Wood, land, hens, water (students may discuss that wood has been produced)*

1. What materials does Kojo use to build a house? Why do you think he chose these?

*Cinder block and stucco – possibly for strength, durability and because they are available resources*

1. What do we call the workers on Kojo’s farm? *Employees*
2. What do Kojo’s employees buy with the wages they earn? *Medicine, school, improved homes, livestock, cloth*
3. How does Kojo’s business help the government of Ghana?

*They pay taxes that are used to build roads, school and health clinics; his workers pay taxes and so do the business owners that sell things to his workers*

1. Kojo is fictional but based on a real person with a similar story named Kwabena Darko from the Ashanti region of Ghana. Kwabena started a small loan company. What did he call it? *Sinapi Ava Trust which means mustard seed*
2. Why do you think he chose this name? *Possibly -*-- *a mustard seed is small but grows into a big plant*
3. What was the average amount of the loans he made? *$200*
4. Who receives a loan? *A group of people who ensure the loan is repaid*
5. Sinapi Aba is now a part of Opportunity International ([www.opportunity.org](http://www.opportunity.org)). Check out their website to learn more about this organization.

Great video about the benefits of microloan programs in Africa - <http://www.opportunity.org/Page.aspx?pid=975> .

1. Other economic development resources:
* Heifer International – <http://www.heifer.org>
* Heifer Study Tours - <http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.201457>
* Heifer Resources for Teachers - <http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.485589>
* Heifer Interactive Map of Projects - <http://www.heifercards.org/interactiveposter/index.html>
* Videos of Heifer Projects - <http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.476481/?msource=pog>

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