Push Your Thinking a Little Further

Two bonus questions that build on SS2E1 and SS2E2, for students who finish early or want an extra challenge.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Was it worth it? (builds on SS2E1)

Maya has $5. She can buy a dinosaur book, or she can buy a board game to play with her friends. She picks the dinosaur book.

a) What did Maya give up by choosing the book? (That's her opportunity cost.)

b) Maya's little brother says picking the book was a bad idea, since now she can't play the board game. Do you agree? Write one reason a choice can still be a good one, even though you have to give something up.

2. Is it always fair? (builds on SS2E2)

There is only one classroom pet, and five kids all want to take it home for the weekend.

a) Write down two different ways the teacher could decide who gets to take it home. (Look back at your SS2E2 worksheet for ideas: price, a vote, a contest, a lottery, first-come-first-served, or sharing.)

b) Pick one of your two ways. Write one reason it might feel unfair to one of the kids who does not get picked.

THINK ABOUT IT

Every way of deciding who gets something has an upside and a downside. There is no perfectly fair way, only different trade-offs.