

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will research and write a factual article about a specific use of silver.
- Social Studies: Students will compare historic silver prices with prices for another commodity.
- Social Studies: Students will observe how a silversmith works his craft.

Activities

1. Use the News: Research the many uses for silver in products. Choose one and write a brief "Did You Know?" article that might be printed in the newspaper. It might be related to science, business or lifestyle.
2. If you look at the historic prices of silver on the graph, you will see that silver was worth about \$5 an ounce in 1993. It increased 10 times by 2011. Research the value of something else, such as one share of Apple computer stock, from 1993 to 2011. How much did it increase or decrease in that period? Can you plot it on a graph?
3. How does a silversmith make something out of silver? Is it the same process as for gold or steel? Find some videos that demonstrate the processes and discuss the differences.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6; teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade level.