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## Post-Trip Lesson Plan Florida's Citrus Crop

Instructions: Read all of the passages below provided by the Florida Dispatch from April 9, 1889. Then choose one passage along with a partner to present to the class. **Discuss why Citrus fruit was important in Florida during this time period, how the fruit was grown, how the fruit may be shipped, and define the specified word to the class in relation to the text.** After the presentations define each word and write down the main idea in the correct sections of the worksheet.

1. "I now think more of the orange business for profit than ever I did before, although it is monotonous an expensive work starting a grove. The same at ten years old is as safe an investment as I know of for the comparatively small necessary annual outlay, but must be worked as any other business with discretion to insure success."
  - a. Outlay:
  
  
  - b. Main Idea:
  
2. "My trees set in June have done better than those set out in January, owing to the abundance of rain. I believe in keeping a young grove clean until June or July, and planting cow peas between the rows, about six feet or more from trees, and turning under when in bloom."
  - a. Turning Under:
  
  
  - b. Main Idea:
  
3. "There seemed to be no signs of injury from frosts to the citrus fruits, and but little to the more tender palms and other ornamentals. Almost every orange and lemon orchard was holding a good crop of fruit. Occasionally the trees were planted too closely, or appeared to have been cropped too heavily and manured too little in return, and as a result the leaves looked yellowish, the fruit scarce, and dropping more than it ought."
  - a. Manured:
  
  
  - b. Main Idea:
  
4. "The orange season is about over, and it is therefore too late to say anything that will benefit shippers of the crop of 1887-8, but it is well for shippers to compare notes and provide for the future. Last fall it was announced that an all-rail fast freight line had been established, known as the 'Atlantic Coast Dispatch,' and it



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was recommended as a great boon to fruit growers, as it enabled them to put their fruit in the Northern markets in three or four days.”

a. Freight:

b. Main Idea:

Sources:

The Florida Dispatch: For Grove and Garden; Farm and Home. Jacksonville, Fla., Monday, April 9, 1888. Vol. 8, No. 15.