

Organizational Skills

I strive to develop effective learning materials to assist educators with teaching valuable life skills to students. The following story was created as a starting point to teach students about the importance of learning organizational skills. I sincerely hope that you find it useful and encourage educators to explore the complete learning package or other life skills lessons in my store. Also, you may enjoy and find useful two short videos on YouTube related to organizational skills that I created.



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Once there was a wise King, who ruled over a peaceful and prosperous kingdom. He had two sons. The King was old and in failing health, and decided he needed to choose one of his sons to rule his empire. He told his sons that one of them would be king but would have to prove they are capable of managing the kingdom. The oldest son was angry and said, *"Father, I should be king, I am the oldest son, I am the strongest and smartest son."* The King replied, *"Yes, you are the strongest, and you are smart, but success of our kingdom requires neither."*

The King explained to both sons a competition would be held and the son that wins will become King. The King explained that each son must fill up one of the two large storage sheds with firewood before the sun sets. He reminded them that this firewood was essential for keeping the castle warm during the winter.

As the competition began, the older son immediately got started. He frantically chopped wood. As soon as he chopped some wood, he hastily threw it into the wheelbarrow, then rushed it up the road to the shed and dumped the wood onto the floor of shed. The youngest son started off by observing everything around the castle. He had a leather pad and spent time writing many things in it and when he was finished he nailed it up by his work area. He laid out all of the tools he needed and began to chop the logs into firewood. He spent hours only chopping wood. As soon as he was done chopping enough wood, he neatly loaded the wood into wheelbarrow, making sure each load was well stacked and balanced. When he arrived at the shed, he again neatly stacked the wood, starting in the far corner and working his way to the door, thus, making sure not to waste any space.

Several hours before the sun set, the older son raised his hands in the air and yelled out, *"I am done."* The young brother continued working away. It was not until the sun was just about too hid behind the mountains that he finished. The King watched the entire spectacle from his balcony and walked out to announce the next King.

The older son, with a big smile, stood by his father; he was ready to take the throne. The King carefully looked at both sons, and said, *"My younger son will become King. Disorder causes chaos, while order leads to prosperity. My youngest son filled his shed with twice as much wood, ensuring that our family will survive a cold winter."*

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Name _____

Per. _____ Date: _____

Directions: *Answer each questions below.*

- 1)** What did the King tell his sons that they must be capable of doing, in order to become King?

- 2)** What did the King tell his oldest son is not required in order to be successful?

- 3)** What was the competition that the King chose to have in order to determine which son should be King?

- 4)** How would you describe the older son's use of organizational skills in the competition?

- 5)** How would you describe the youngest son's use of organizational skills in the competition?

- 6)** Why did the King choose the youngest son to become King, even though the older son finished first?

- 7)** What do you think the King understood about the power of good organizational skills?

- 8)** Why do you think learning organizational skills would be important in your life?