

Pack Your Teacher Bag

Course: Any

Unit: Teach Ag Day

Lesson: What's in Your Teacher Bag

Estimated Time: 45 minutes

Objective: Students will understand what items Ag Teachers “carry” in their bags in order to do their job.

Materials Needed: Pack Your Bag crossword puzzle

Interest Approach:

- Explain Teach Ag Day – a day where the importance of agricultural educators is expressed (and the need for them!)
- Take your teacher bag to the front of the classroom. Ask students what they think is important to have in a “teacher bag” when trips are taken (or on a daily basis. Have items that are listed on the crossword puzzle sheet (first aid kit, teacher directory, wattle bottle, FFA tie, ffa lanyard, phone charger, snacks, mini sewing kit, clear nail polish) out on a table. Place other items that may not go in your bag on the table as well. Feel free to add to the items that should be packed! Have students start “packing your bag” for you to go on your next FFA trip.
- This could be done in small groups as a race. Pair students up in groups of 3-4. Have items on the table and tell students to write down each item that should be packed in the bag on a piece of paper. The team that has all of the correct answers first wins!
- Guiding Questions: Why are these items important to have? What could happen if we do not have our bags packed?

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<u>Teacher Activities:</u>	<u>Content Outline:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Make copies of handout● Obtain a teacher bag<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The bag you carry as a teacher would be a great bag to use, especially if the students have seen it before● Obtain items to pack your bag and “distractor items”<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Distractor item ideas: a musical instrument, stuffed animals, a globe, etc.○ Other items that might go in your bag: insurance form book, cell phone, pen/pencil, paper, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pass out the handout.● Leave items to pack your bag on the front table● Students can fill out crossword puzzle as desired (individually or in small groups)● Crossword puzzle can be done as an intro or after the “packing of your bag” occurs.● Other applications: Teachers must not only pack their bags with physical items to be prepared, but we must be prepared to teach every day! Ag teachers are considered jacks of all trades! Ag teachers are responsible for content in the areas of FFA, animal science, plant science, agricultural mechanics, and agricultural business, just to name the basics! What other items that may not be seen must be packed? Items that represent content knowledge could also be placed on the table.