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Using the clues listed below, fill in each blank in the following story with one of the new words you learned this week.

**Microsociety—An Antidote for School Boredom**

Money, taxes, employment, legislation—these are topics that we associate with the adult world. George Richmond, a Yale graduate who became a [1] in the New York City school system, felt that elementary school youngsters could also be interested, even excited, about such issues. He experimented in his own classes with the Microsociety in which basic instruction takes place and is reinforced as pupils operate their own businesses, pass laws, live within the parameters of a constitution that they drafted, seek redress within their own judicial system, buy and sell real estate, and so on.

Richmond’s book on the Microsociety came to the attention of the school board in Lowell, Massachusetts, and their members decided to give it a try in 1981. In much less than a [2] the results were quite remarkable: students exceeded the norm in reading and math; 8th graders passed college level exams; school attendance went up to 96%; and the dropout rate took a nosedive in Lowell.

In Microsociety’s [3] classes, mornings are given over to the traditional curriculum. In the afternoon, the students apply what they learned in activities that run the [4] from keeping double entry books, doing financial audits, running a bank, and conducting court sessions to engaging in light manufacture that leads to retail and wholesale commerce.

Other [5] school systems have since adopted George Richmond’s innovative ideas. “Microsociety,” said a Yonkers, New York principal, “gets kids to role-play life!”

A Time Magazine reporter was much impressed with Microsociety’s results: “Such an approach would go a long way toward making U.S. public schools a cradle of national renewal.”

**Clues**

1. 3rd Day
2. 2nd Day
3. 1st Day
4. 1st Day
5. 1st Day