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Lesson 6

Period: _____

Scarce Health Care in the Inner Cities

Directions. Read the *Handy Dandy Guide* and the mystery. Read the clues. Be careful.

While all the clues are correct, only some are *useful* in solving the mystery. Decide which clues are most relevant to solving the mystery. Use the clues and one or more of the ideas from the *Handy Dandy Guide* to figure out a solution to the mystery. Write your solution.

Handy Dandy Guide

1. People *choose*.
2. People's choices involve *costs*.
3. People respond to *incentives* in predictable ways.
4. People create *economic systems* that influence individual choices and incentives.
5. People gain when they *trade* voluntarily.
6. People's choices have consequences that lie in the *future*.

The Mystery

At a political rally, Senator Phogbound spoke eloquently about a complicated plan he had introduced to improve health care for low-income residents in America's inner cities and rural areas. The plan would cost billions. As the Senator went on and on, a voice from the audience called out: "Ease up on our immigration restrictions, Senator, and more people will have access to health care!" Easing up on immigration restrictions would cost very little.

How could easing immigration rules help to provide health care to those who need it most?

The Clues

1. In 1997, the number of immigrants admitted for legal permanent residence in the United States was 798,378.
2. Many American physicians prefer to live and practice in suburban areas.
3. Legal immigration to the United States declined from 1996 to 1997.
4. In America's inner cities, many immigrants work as taxi cab drivers and as managers of convenience stores and low-cost motels.
5. It is legal for International Medical Graduates to practice medicine in the United States.
6. In 1997, over 5,000 physicians immigrated legally to the United States.
7. The United States Immigration & Naturalization Service is the federal agency that regulates immigration to the United States.
8. The Immigration Act of 1990 revised the numerical limits and preference categories used to regulate legal immigration.
9. Family-sponsored immigrants accounted for two thirds of all legal immigrants.

Record your solution and explain it briefly here:
