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What is a Math Lab? (Part 1)

A thinkLaw Math Lab

Math Lab = Real Life

Why do we call them math labs? Just like a science lab is an opportunity for you to try what you're learning in science, our math labs let you use math with real-life legal cases and issues!

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Five boys were walking home along a railroad track in New Jersey. The youngest boy found an old sock that was tied shut and contained something heavy.



He picked the sock up and swung it. The oldest boy took it from the youngest boys and started hitting the others with the sock. The sock then passed from boy to boy to boy, and every boy played with the sock for a short period of time.

As the boys were playing with the sock, the sock broke open and \$775 in cash spilled out. Who should own this money? Why?

What's the best argument for each of these to keep all of the money?

	Supporting Arguments
The money should belong to the youngest boy.	

<p>The money should belong to the oldest boy.</p>	
<p>The money should be split between the boys.</p>	
<p>The money should be held at the police station until the original owner can be found.</p>	

The Court ordered that the boys needed to split the money. The total was \$775. How much money will each of the 5 boys receive? Use a visual representation to describe it.



Many important United States and world leaders have been lawyers. Law is a universal language that controls almost everything around us.

Imagine how powerful your mind could be if you learned how to think like a lawyer!

Math Labs will help you learn to think critically using real-life legal cases and real-life events just like lawyers do. You will learn how to argue both sides of a case, conduct investigations, settle disputes, make difficult decisions, and write persuasively.

How does that connect to math?

Why is it important to practice math with real-life examples?
