

**Activity Title:****Subject:** Computer Science**Grade:** 8th**Teacher:** Ms Wingreen**Duration:** 45 mins**Summary/Timeline of Activity:**

- **Do Now:**

- Students solve each other's trace tables from the previous day
  - In pairs, students will present their birds-eye view pictures of the unplugged activity from the previous day's lesson. They will explain the methods that they selected and walk their partner through their trace tables.
  - Students will quiz each other by giving their partner an input and a method call and having them trace out the result.

- **Mini-lesson:**

- Teacher demos what it looks like in the code to call a method with one parameter.
- Trace through calling `oneParameter()` with `x = 2` and `x = -10`. Students should assist in figuring out what happens on each line:
  - What is the value of `a`?
  - What is the value of `b`?
  - What is the new value of `b`?
  - What does the function print out?

```
public static void oneParameter(int x){  
    int a = 5;  
    int b = x;  
  
    b = b + a;  
    System.out.println(b);  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
    //Teacher Demo  
  
    //x = 2  
    oneParameter(2);  
  
    //x = 3  
    oneParameter(-10);  
}
```

- **Mini-lesson (cont.):**

- Teacher demos what it looks like in the code to call a method with two parameters.
- Trace through calling `oneParameter()` with `x = 2` and `y = 3`. Students should assist in figuring out what happens on each line:
  - Ask students “What would happen without this line?” on line 24
  - Ask students “Will this value ever change, why or why not?” on line 29
- Then ask after tracing through:
  - What is the value of `x`?
  - What is the value of `y`?
  - What is the value of `a`?
  - What is the value of `b`?
  - What is the value of `c`?
  - Which if any of the variables will remain constant?
- As teacher is tracing through the code, students should be completing their trace tables (worksheets below)

```
//Step 1:  
//Consider the following inputs and trace through their outputs:  
  
//Teacher Demo  
//x = 2, y = 3;  
twoParameters(2, 3);
```

```
public static void twoParameters(int x, int y){  
    int a = 5;  
    int b = x;  
    int c = y;  
  
    while (b < a) {  
  
        System.out.println("Blueberry"); //Step 1  
        //System.out.println(b*2); //Step 2  
        b = b + 1; //What would happen without this line?  
    }  
  
    if (c == 3){  
  
        c = c*2; //Will this value change, why or why not?  
        System.out.println("Apple"); //Step 1  
        //System.out.println(c); //Step 2  
  
    } else if (c < 3) {  
  
        System.out.println("Banana"); //Step 1  
        //System.out.println("c = " + c); //Step 2  
        c++;  
  
    } else if (c > 3) {  
  
        System.out.println("Orange"); //Step 1  
        //System.out.println("c " + (c - 1)); //Step 2  
        c--;  
  
    }  
}
```

- **Independent Work Time:**

- Students work in pairs to trace through the remaining examples in the code file
- Extension: Modify the methods and trace through using updated values

- **Exit Ticket:**

- Completed trace tables

### Desired Results

#### Common Core Standards:

- Design or remix a program that uses a variable to maintain the current value of a key piece of information.
- The focus is on understanding that variables can be used to track the value of a concept in a program as it changes over time.

#### Vocabulary:

- Method
- Parameter
- Value
- Store
- Trace

#### Resources (provide URLs):

- LessonPlan2\_code.java
- Blank trace tables (used for Independent Work / Exit Ticket)

#### Learning Objectives:

The student will be able to...

- Understand the difference between methods that take one or two parameters
- Trace (in code) how the variable's value changes when different methods are applied

#### End product:

The student will create...

- A solution to another student's work from the previous day
- A trace table for each method call in the code file

```
//x = 2  
oneParameter(2);
```

Variable x		
Input	Method	Output

Variable a		
Input	Method	Output

Variable b		
Input	Method	Output

```
//x = -10  
oneParameter(-10);
```

Variable x		
Input	Method	Output

Variable a		
Input	Method	Output

Variable b		
Input	Method	Output

//x = 2, y = 3;  
twoParameters(2, 3);

Variable x			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable y			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable a			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable b			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable c			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Which if any of the variables will remain constant?

```
//int x = 4, y = 1;  
twoParameters(4, 1);
```

Variable x			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable y			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable a			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable b			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable c			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Which if any of the variables will remain constant?

```
//int x = 5, y = 5;  
twoParameters(5, 5);
```

Variable x			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable y			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable a			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable b			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

Variable c			
	Input	Method	Output
Step 1:			
Step 2:			

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