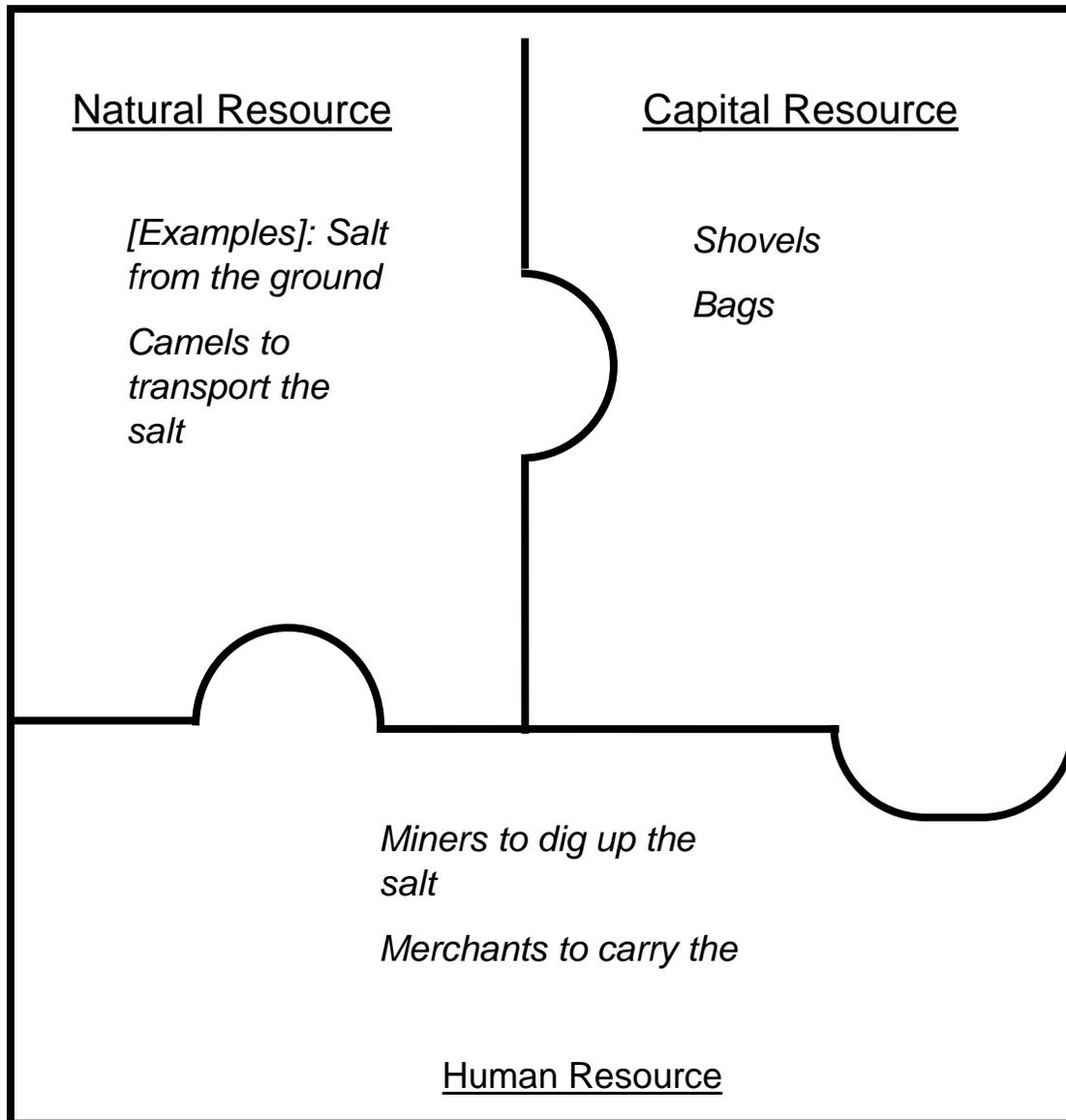


Why Do Different Countries Produce Different Things? (*Teacher copy*)

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The product: *Salt*



Contrast what someone in ancient Mali produced with what someone in a different ancient culture (maybe China, Rome, or Egypt) produced. Why are they different?

People in Mali produced salt, while people in ancient China produced silk. Different nations specialize in producing different things because they have different resources. If they want to get more goods and services than what they can make in their country, then they must trade!

During your class Market Day, would you rather trade products using **barter** or using **money**? Write a paragraph explaining your answer.

[Accept student answers that are well-reasoned. However, students should show some knowledge related to the sample answer below.]

Money is better most of the time. With barter, each trader must have what another trader wants at the same time. If they don't have what each other wants, they won't trade.

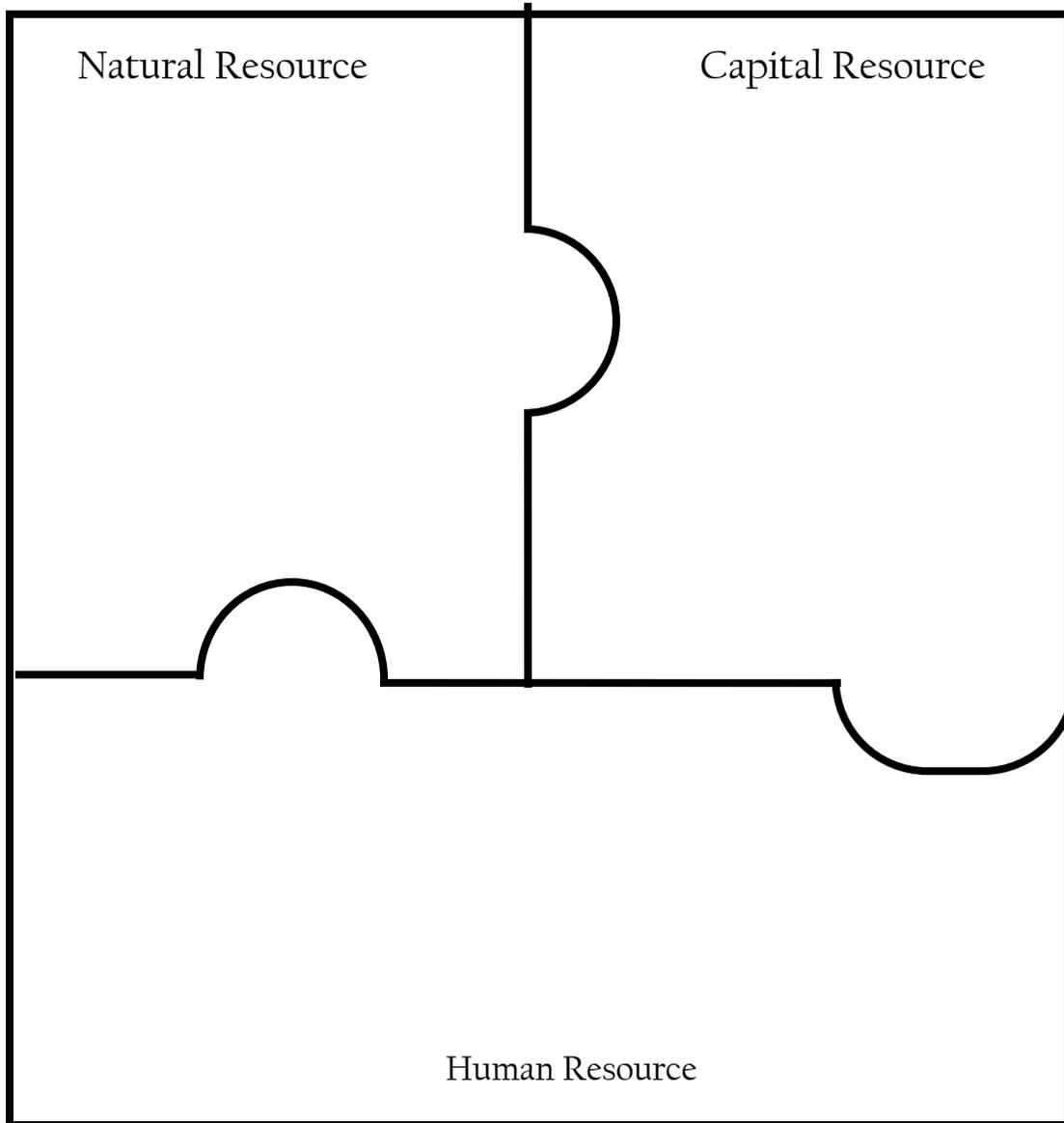
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