



Oklahoma National History Day

Economics Topic List

Social Studies Content Standards

1. Develop and apply economic reasoning and decision-making skills.
2. Evaluate how societies answer three basic economic questions: what goods and services to produce, how to produce them, and for whom are they produced.
3. Explain how prices are set in a market economy using supply and demand graphs and will determine how price provides incentives to buyers and sellers.
4. Evaluate how changes in the level of competition in different markets affect prices.
5. Describe the role of economic institutions, including banks, credit unions, corporations, governments, and not-for-profits in a market economy.
6. Analyze how money makes it easier to trade, borrow, save, invest, and compare the value of goods and services.
7. Evaluate how interest rates impact decisions in the market economy.
8. Analyze the role of entrepreneurs and laborers in a market economy.
9. Evaluate the economic role of government in a free market and a mixed market economy.
10. Examine the current economic conditions in the United States.
11. Identify the basic measure of a nation's economic output and income.
12. Explain the role of inflation and unemployment in an economic system.
13. Identify the potential economic impact of policy changes by the Federal Reserve and federal government.

Example Topic for History Day

- The Whiskey Rebellion: How Taxes and Transport Costs Led to Armed Insurrection
- Andrew Jackson, The Second Bank of the United States, and the Panic of 1837
- Robert L. Owen, the Father of Child Labor Laws
- World War I, Wheat Prices, and the Dust Bowl
- Tenant Farming, Sharecropping, and the Great Depression
- Penn Square Bank: Speculation and Hyper-Inflation
- The New Deal and Oklahoma's State Parks
- Depression, Dust Bowl, and the Road West
- Agrarian vs. Industrial Socialism and Progressive Oklahoma
- The Short-Term Effects and Long-Term Effectiveness of Prohibition
- Humanitarian Issues and For-Profit Prisons
- The Northern System vs. the Southern System: How All of America Profited from Slavery
- Tariffs: Barriers to Free Enterprise or Protectionist Sources of Revenue?
- Glass-Steagall: Defender of America's Upward Mobility or Unnecessary Barrier to Corporate Profits?
- Henry Ford and the Minimum Wage: How one of America's Most Anti-Union Entrepreneurs Established One of Its Most Progressive Wage Systems
- News Boy Strike of 1899
- United Fruit Company: America Profiting off of Central American Plantations
- Young Lords Free Breakfast for Children Plan
- Occupy Wall Street: Protesting Wealth Gaps in America
- Slave Labor: The Backbone of the Southern Economy Pre-Civil War