

# Economics Resources

## COURSE CONSIDERATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ECONOMICS

Using inquiry in economics, high school students explore the economic reasoning process to make informed decisions in a wide variety of contexts. Economics is grounded in knowledge about how people, institutions, and societies choose to use resources to meet their wants and needs. The study of economics can be approached from many angles and perspectives with a focus on inquiry. A comprehensive economics course should include content from the following topics:

- Financial Literacy/ Personal Finance including but not limited to budgeting, saving, spending, investment, credit, banking, and insurance
- Economic Reasoning including but not limited to the concepts of scarcity, factors of production, opportunity costs, and cost-benefit analysis
- Economic systems including but not limited to command, mixed, and free market, and economic philosophers and theories, including but not limited to Adam Smith, Karl Marx, and John Maynard Keynes
- Exchange and Markets including but not limited to supply and demand, private property rights, competition, incentives, entrepreneurship, prices, the invisible hand, competition and institutions in the private and public sector
- The National Economy including but not limited to fiscal and monetary policy, GDP, unemployment, inflation, economic growth, and distribution of wealth
- The Global Economy including but not limited to trade, tariffs, and exchange rates

**There are many topics to pursue in an Economics course. LEAs should identify topical emphases to allow for depth of study needed to effectively engage student/learners in the inquiry process and to educate students about economic decision making.**

Resource	Website	Description
NextGen Personal Finance	<a href="https://www.ngpf.org/">https://www.ngpf.org/</a>	Free personal finance lessons and simulations with an account. All resources are Google Docs and can be manipulated. Assessments are also available with a teacher account.
Econedlink	<a href="https://www.econedlink.org/">https://www.econedlink.org/</a>	Lessons from the Council for Economic Education with many project-based and student-centered lessons.
Federal Reserve	<a href="https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/">https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/</a>	Lessons and resources all from the Federal Reserve. Searchable topics and videos all for free.
Thomas R. Brown Foundation	<a href="https://brownfoundations.org/teacher-resources">https://brownfoundations.org/teacher-resources</a>	Links to other economics sites, economic data sites, and links to other cross-curricular sites.
The Foundation for Teaching Economics	<a href="https://www.fte.org/">https://www.fte.org/</a>	Lessons from FTE with many project-based and student-centered lessons all for free.
We the Economy Videos	<a href="https://wetheeconomy.com/">https://wetheeconomy.com/</a>	Great free videos on many economics topics with resource guides to accompany the video.
National Geographic Education	<a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/">https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/</a>	National Geographic resources, lessons, geotools, and videos for economics.
Reffonomics	<a href="http://reffonomics.com/">http://reffonomics.com/</a>	Steve Reff from the University of Arizona has created an etextbook and videos. Site contains some free and some paid resources.
Stanford History	<a href="https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-lessons">https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-lessons</a>	Document-based resources for World History. Lessons include documents,

Education Group		PowerPoints, and handouts all available to edit.
History Assessments – Beyond the Bubble	<a href="https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments">https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments</a>	History assessments for World that use disciplinary skills and processes standards to assess students.
Arizona Geographic Alliance	<a href="https://geoalliance.asu.edu/">https://geoalliance.asu.edu/</a>	Lessons and resources with a geography focus. Lessons are searchable by topic and grade level.
C3 Inquiry	<a href="http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/">http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/</a>	Search by topic to find inquiries that cover the course considerations. Use all or part of the inquiries in your classes.
Newsela	<a href="https://newsela.com/">https://newsela.com/</a>	Current events searchable by topic, and grade level. Manipulate the lexile of the article to suit your students' needs.
Digital Public Library of America	<a href="https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/">https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/</a>	Primary source documents and lessons on world history. Many may be adapted for 6 <sup>th</sup> grade.
Project Look Smart	<a href="https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main">https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main</a>	Sources and lessons organized by topic or by grade level and contains a media literacy focus. Many come with teacher and student guides.
CommonLit	<a href="https://www.commonlit.org">https://www.commonlit.org</a>	Search the library for texts on a variety of subjects. Sources and lessons searchable by lexile and include reading guides.
Read Works	<a href="https://www.readworks.org/">https://www.readworks.org/</a>	Similar to Newsela. Searchable sources for social studies with adaptable lexile levels. Great resource for many topics.
Primary Source Nexus	<a href="http://primarysourcenexus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/">http://primarysourcenexus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/</a>	Resource partnered with the Library of Congress. Searchable topics and grade levels and includes lessons.
Teaching Tolerance	<a href="https://www.tolerance.org/">https://www.tolerance.org/</a>	Great K-12 lessons, posters, and film on civics, history, geography, and economics with a focus on tolerance and community.
PBS Media Learning	<a href="https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/">https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/</a>	Interactives, videos, lessons, galleries, audio, images, and documents all for K-12. Search by topics in addition to grade level.
EDSITEment	<a href="https://edsitement.neh.gov/">https://edsitement.neh.gov/</a>	Lessons from the National Endowment for the Humanities. All lessons are searchable by grade level or subject/topic.
Actively Learn	<a href="https://read.activelylearn.com/#teacher/catalog">https://read.activelylearn.com/#teacher/catalog</a>	Primary and secondary materials that can be used in inquiry-based instruction.
Docs Teach	<a href="https://www.docsteach.org/">https://www.docsteach.org/</a>	Primary and secondary documents all curated from the National Archives
The Smithsonian Museum	<a href="http://smithsonianeducation.org/">http://smithsonianeducation.org/</a>	Huge number of resources for many topics, not just social studies. Resources include lessons, video clips, and interactives. Read or watch the getting started guide to narrow your searches.
National Geographic History Site	<a href="https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/history-civilization">https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/history-civilization</a>	Quality National Geographic video clips for world history. Other content areas are available to search for as well.
Econtalk Podcast	<a href="https://www.econtalk.org/">https://www.econtalk.org/</a>	Podcast, resources from the Library of Economics and Liberty

Annenberg Learner	<a href="https://www.learner.org/">https://www.learner.org/</a>	Annenberg Media's K-12 site for videos, lessons, and interactives. Other content areas are available as well.
The Choices Program	<a href="https://www.choices.edu/teaching-with-the-news/">https://www.choices.edu/teaching-with-the-news/</a>	Brown University's program of free lessons connected to current headlines.
Zoom In	<a href="http://zoomin.edc.org/">http://zoomin.edc.org/</a>	Lessons and resources for economics that focus on inquiry and critical thinking.
Smithsonian Learning Lab	<a href="https://learninglab.si.edu/">https://learninglab.si.edu/</a>	Documents, artifacts, resources, and images for many different subjects.
Foreign Policy Research Institute	<a href="https://www.fpri.org/education/lesson-plans-teachers/">https://www.fpri.org/education/lesson-plans-teachers/</a>	Lesson plans developed by teachers focusing on modern issues combining multiple disciplines.
Primary Source Nexus	<a href="https://primarysourcenexus.org/primary-source-collections/themed-based-resources/cps-social-studies/">https://primarysourcenexus.org/primary-source-collections/themed-based-resources/cps-social-studies/</a>	Library of Congress and Chicago Public Schools partnership that matches primary and secondary sources to different U.S. History themes.
Invest in What's Next	<a href="https://www.investinwhatsnext.org/">https://www.investinwhatsnext.org/</a>	Great personal finance curriculum and lessons to use to meet the personal finance standards.