

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City							
Economic Education Resources							
Resource Name	Description	Grade Level	Key Concepts	Format	Time Required	Additional Resources Required or Available	Location
Balance of Power Teaching Guide	This book explores the Federal Reserve Bank's role throughout history, emphasizing the theme of independence of the central bank from political control. The Balance of Power Teaching Guide will help students develop an overview of the functions of the Federal Reserve and its responsibilities to U.S. citizens by looking at the challenges that the Federal Reserve has faced, as well as the resulting changes in its role.	9-12	Federal Reserve Bank, central banking	lesson plan	Varies	Balance of Power book	http://www.kansascityfed.org/education/TeachingResources/Balance_of_Power_Activities.pdf Book PDF http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/balanceofpower/balanceofpower.pdf
Brain Drain	In this lesson, the concept of "brain drain," or loss of skilled labor from one area to another due to this labor's movement to a more favorable economic environment, is explored with students. After reading a scenario about brain drain in a rural community, students discuss why it might occur and the resulting effects on the economy of the town.	9-12	Brain drain, PACED decision-making model, alternatives, criteria	lesson plan	60-90 minutes	Copies of visuals and activities	http://www.kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/Turning%20Brain%20Drain%20to%20Brain%20Gain%20-%20Final.pdf
Common Cents: Financial responsibility begins in childhood	Parents can teach kids the importance of saving money by helping children visualize financial concepts in their own frame of reference. A child may not be able to define "opportunity cost" or "compound interest," but sharing children's books may help them understand basic financial concepts.	K-12	money, saving, spending, income, saving account	activities	Varies	TEN magazine article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/ten/pdf/spring2009/commoncents.pdf

Common Cents: Laying the foundation for responsible credit use	Responsible credit use develops through a foundation of strong personal finance principles and an understanding of the costs and benefits of credit. An awareness of the CARD Act will help your teen learn the rights and responsibilities of consumers using credit. A "Credit Clue" quiz will reinforce these concepts.	7-12	credit, debt	article	Varies	Ten magazine article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/ten/pdf/spring2010/commoncents.pdf
Common Cents: 'Tis the season for smart shopping	Get your kids in the habit of comparison shopping and encourage smart spending. This practice will help them budget and avoid impulse buys, developing these skills for adulthood.	K-12	saving, budget, price, comparison shopping	activities	Varies	TEN magazine article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/ten/pdf/fall2009/commoncents.pdf
Common Cents: Tough times are an opportunity to teach children financial concepts	During the recent economic downturn, one of the more difficult tasks for parents is explaining their financial situation to children. These trying financial times can be a segue to help children become more financially literate.	K-12	decision-making, budget, unemployment, income, expense, saving	activities	Varies	TEN magazine article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/ten/pdf/summer2009/commoncents.pdf
Do I have What it Takes to be an Entrepreneur - and is my Community Ready?	This lesson provides students with the opportunity to identify what an entrepreneur is and how entrepreneurship encourages economic growth and development. Students will have the opportunity to research the level of entrepreneurship present in their own county, evaluate the factors that spur entrepreneurship in their region, and consider how they might contribute to the entrepreneurial spirit in their community.	9-12	entrepreneurship economic growth, entrepreneurship, productive resources	lesson plan	Two 45 minute class periods	copies or activities and glossary, self adhesive note pads or sheets of paper on the wall, computer with Internet access or copies of required data for analysis	http://kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/EntrepreneurLssn-TeachersGuide-Gen.pdf

Fifty Nifty Econ Cards	Fifty Nifty Econ Cards are designed for elementary and middle school students to assist them in developing a knowledge base of economic and personal finance words. The accompanying Teacher Resource Guide provides activities and games to help teachers incorporate economic vocabulary into the school day through language, math, social studies and art.	K-12	basic economic and personal finance words	words and definitions	Varies for each activity or game		http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/resources/fifty_nifty/
Money Museum Lessons, Gr. 9-12	These lessons focus on the Federal Reserve Bank, and how it helps to control the growth of the U.S. money supply.	9-12	money supply, fractional reserve banking system, reserve requirements, money multiplier, monetary policy, inflation, interest rates	Pre, during and post exhibit lessons	60 minutes per lesson	copies of visuals and activities, calculators	http://www.kc.frb.org/Education/TeachingResources/Lessonplangr9-12.pdf
Professor Finance and the Fed Boy Meet the Catastrophe Clan	This role play introduces students to the use and misuse of credit in a humorous format and emphasizes the importance of wise financial decision-making.	7-10	credit, credit history, credit report, interest rate, payday lending, bankruptcy, CARD Act, Federal Reserve Bank	role play, lesson plan	60-90 minutes	Script, name tags, copies of visuals	http://kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/fed_boy_lesson_plan.pdf
Teaching Tips: Can Ethanol Power the Rural Economy?	"Teaching Tips" provide ways that teachers can integrate current issues and research into their classrooms using Federal Reserve research. The January 2007 issue of the Main Street Economist focuses on the growth and success of ethanol in many rural communities across the nation. Read and discuss the article in class using the direct discussion questions and extension activities.	9-12	production, supply, demand, trade-off, productivity	discussion questions and extension activities	45-60 minutes	Main Street Economist article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/TeachingTips-Ethanol.pdf

Teaching Tips: Is Your Bank Account Safe?	"Teaching Tips" provide ways that teachers can integrate current issues and research into their classrooms using Federal Reserve research. In the President's Message, Thomas Hoenig, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, discusses what happens when a bank fails and how the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) steps in following a bank's closing. Read and discuss the article in class using the direct discussion questions and extension activities.	9-12	banking, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, liquidate	discussion questions and extension activities	45-60 minutes	President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City message	http://www.kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/Is_Your_Bank_Safe.pdf
Teaching Tips: Minorities in the Tenth District	"Teaching Tips" provide ways that teachers can integrate current issues and research into their classrooms using Federal Reserve research. This issue of the Main Street Economist focuses on the correlation between educational level and job opportunities for minorities in the Midwest. Read and discuss the article in class using the direct discussion questions and extension activities.	9-12	economic growth, human capital, employment, labor force, education	discussion questions and extension activities	45-60 minutes	Main Street Economist article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/TeachingTips-Minorities-FutureJobs.pdf
Teaching Tips: Recessions 101	"Teaching Tips" provide ways that teachers can integrate current issues and research into their classrooms using Federal Reserve research. The article "Recessions 101: When is a downturn a recession?" from the spring 2009 issue of TEN magazine examines when an economy officially enters a recessionary period. Read and discuss the article in class using the direct discussion questions and extension activities.	9-12	economic growth, GDP, recession, unemployment	discussion questions and extension activities	45-60 minutes	TEN magazine article	http://www.kansascityfed.org/Education/TeachingResources/Teaching_Tips_recessions.pdf
The Money Circle Curriculum Series	The Money Circle is a free, classroom-ready curriculum that features money, economics and personal finance concepts for secondary students. Lessons include step-by-step teacher instructions and align to standards set by the National Council on Economic Education, the Jump\$tart Coalition and can be easily adapted to other state standards.	9-12	money, saving, investing, decision-making, budgeting, careers, jobs, Federal Reserve, monetary policy, personal finance	lesson plan	Two 45-55 minute sessions per lesson	Varies per lesson	http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/resources/MoneyCircle/