

Introduction

Many people consider economics a dry, dull subject, but really it is the most current, vibrant social studies subject there is. When taught well, economics can become the most useful, if not important, subject a student encounters.

This book condenses a great deal of material into easily digestible segments, since most economics instructors have to teach the subject within one semester. The six parts are meant to help students grasp concepts quickly and easily. Reading questions called “Pressing Questions” challenge students to incorporate what they read into their own world while providing a useful link to the next topic. Handouts provide a launching pad for thinking and lively classroom conversation.

Students must be made to understand that the most important component to the health of our society is our economy. If it fails, so will we. Too many people today fail to realize the significance of the economic machinations of society. Our country needs knowledgeable, responsible, ethical citizens. This unit gives students the tools and the knowledge they need to survive in the world.

Answers will vary unless otherwise indicated. Students may need additional paper to complete some handouts.