

High School Social Studies Lesson Plan

Stock Market

- Lesson Plan Notes:
 - This lesson is intended as an introductory lesson to the stock market concepts and is to be completed over multiple weeks
- Skill:
 - Students will understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy
- Sunshine State Standard:
 - SS.912.E.1.15 - Describe the risk and return profiles of various investment vehicles and the importance of diversification.
- Materials needed:
 - Electronic newspaper
 - Interactive whiteboard (IAWB)
- Time Allotment:
 - 1st Day – One class period (40- 50 minutes)
 - 2nd day to end of activity
 - 10 minutes at the beginning of the class period
- Activity:
 - Before class:
 - Get a list of the companies on the NYSE, without any financial information
 - Group students into pairs
 - During class:
 - Show the list of NYSE companies to the students
 - Each group should select two companies to follow over the time period
 - Using the IAWB, Have the student groups design a graph/ chart to monitor the progress of the stocks they have chosen
 - Date
 - Closing
 - Change
 - At the beginning of class each day, have the groups check their stock progress and using the IAWB, update their graph/ chart
 - Extension/ Enrichment:
 - Have students decide to either buy or sell stocks during the same time period
 - Keep track of gain/loss during the time period
 - Increase the amount of stocks for each group
 - Allow them to buy or sell depending on stock performance
- Assessment:
 - The graph/chart is complete with daily information