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## Unit 4: The Nation's Economy

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## **Unit Overview**

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Chapter four provides detailed information about the nation's economy. The content within the chapter focuses on trade, markets, people and the economy, and a global economy. Students explore these topics using primary sources and critical thinking skills.

(Reference myWorld Interactive, Chapter 4)

## **Enduring Understandings**

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- An economy uses resources, people, and machines to produce goods and services.
- Economies are made up of producers and consumers.
- The price for goods and services depends on supply and demand.
- Businesses work to earn income and profit.
- Nations trade with each other and specialize in producing different goods and services.

## **Essential Questions**

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### **Lesson 1: What is the Economy?**

- How are needs different from wants?
- What are the basics of our economic system?
- What basic questions must all economic systems answer?
- How are free enterprise systems and other economic systems different?
- What is the government's role and services to the U.S. economy?
- What laws and rules protect the U.S. economy?

### **Lesson2: Trade and Markets**

- What is the difference between bartering and the use of money?
- How does inflation affect prices?
- How do businesses provide goods and services to the public to make a profit?
- Why do entrepreneurs take risks to start new businesses?
- What are the forces of supply and demand in a market economy?

### **Lesson 3: People and the Economy**

- How do individuals and families make economic decisions daily?
- What impact does scarcity have on consumers?
- How do opportunity costs share economic choices?
- What economic incentives are in our economy?
- What is the role of banks and savings in the lives of individuals, families, communities, and businesses?
- What is the connection between work, income, skills, and families' lives?

### **Lesson 4: A Global Economy**

- How has technology led to an increase in global trade?
- How has globalization led to interdependence between countries?
- What is the difference between imports and exports?
- How does the division of labor lead to higher quality and an increase in productivity?
- What are the effects of globalization in today's world?

## **Exit Skills**

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**By the end of Chapter 4, students will be able to:**

- Apply and accurately use domain-specific words in context.
- Determine why entrepreneurs are willing to take risks.
- Distinguish needs from wants.
- Describe a free enterprise system.
- Explain the barter system process.
- Describe the benefit of using a bank to save money.
- Analyze costs and benefits.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL)**

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SOC.6.1.4.C.1	Apply opportunity cost (i.e., choices and tradeoffs) to evaluate individuals' decisions, including ones made in their communities.
SOC.6.1.4.C.2	Distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions made by individuals, communities, and nations.
SOC.6.1.4.C.3	Explain why incentives vary between and among producers and consumers.
SOC.6.1.4.C.4	Describe how supply and demand influence price and output of products.
SOC.6.1.4.C.5	Explain the role of specialization in the production and exchange of goods and services.
SOC.6.1.4.C.6	Describe the role and relationship among households, businesses, laborers, and governments within the economic system.
SOC.6.1.4.C.7	Explain how the availability of private and public goods and services is influenced by the global market and government.
SOC.6.1.4.C.10	Explain the role of money, savings, debt, and investment in individuals' lives.
SOC.6.1.4.C.CS1	People make decisions based on their needs, wants, and the availability of resources.
SOC.6.1.4.C.CS2	Economics is a driving force for the occurrence of various events and phenomena in societies.
SOC.6.1.4.C.CS3	Interaction among various institutions in the local, national, and global economies influence policymaking and societal outcomes.
SOC.6.1.4.C.CS8	Creativity and innovation have led to improvements in lifestyle, access to information, and the creation of new products.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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LA.W.4.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
LA.RI.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
LA.RI.4.2	Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details;

	summarize the text.
LA.RI.4.3	Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
LA.RI.4.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.
LA.RI.4.7	Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.
LA.RI.4.10	By the end of year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
LA.SL.4.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
LA.SL.4.1.B	Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
LA.SL.4.1.C	Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.
LA.SL.4.1.D	Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
LA.SL.4.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
LA.SL.4.3	Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.

## **Learning Objectives**

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### **Lesson 1: What is the Economy?**

- Distinguish needs from wants.
- Determine the importance of our economic system.
- Differentiate between free enterprise and other economic systems.
- Evaluate the government's role and services to the U.S economy.
- Analyze the laws and rules which protect the U.S. economy.

### **Lesson2: Trade and Markets**

- Differentiate between bartering and the use of money.
- Determine how inflation affects prices.
- Analyze how businesses provide goods and services to the public to make a profit.
- Evaluate why entrepreneurs take risks to start new businesses.
- Identify the forces of supply and demand in a market economy.

### **Lesson 3: People and the Economy**

- Determine how individuals and families make economic decisions daily.
- Analyze the impact scarcity has on consumers.
- Identify how opportunity costs share economic choices.
- Evaluate the economic incentives in our economy.
- Determine the role of banks and savings in the lives of individuals, families, communities, and

businesses.

- Generate connections between work, income, skills, and families' lives.

#### **Lesson 4: A Global Economy**

- Identify how technology has led to an increase in global trade.
- Determine how globalization led to interdependence between countries.
- Differentiate between imports and exports.
- Analyze how the division of labor leads to higher quality and an increase in productivity.
- Identify the effects of globalization in today's world.

### **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

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#### **Chapter 4: The Nation's Economy**

- Rap About It
- Quest Project-Based Learning

#### **Lesson 1: What Is the Economy**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Literacy Skills

#### **Lesson 2: Trade and Markets**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity

#### **Lesson 3: People and the Economy**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Primary Source

#### **Lesson 4: A Global Economy**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Critical Thinking Skills

See the myWorld Activity Guide for additional resources and activities.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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**The following techniques will be implemented to check for understanding:**

- Quizzes
- Unit tests
- Multimedia Reports
  
- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar

- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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- myWorld Interactive consumable worktext
- myWorld Interactive teacher manual
- myWorld Interactive activity mats

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Nonfiction books (Economy)
- NewsELA (Government & Economics Articles)
- Kids Discover (Economics Articles)

## **Technology Infusion**

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- Kid's Economic Online Glossary (Scholastic)
- YouTube Video (Supply and Demand)
- Web Quest (Needs/Wants)



# Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
 Photostory 3  
 Kid Story Builder  
 Music Maker Jam  
 Paint A Story  
 Office 365  
 MS PowerPoint  
 Stack 'Em Up  
 NqSquared Numbers  
 Physamajig  
 Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
 Skydrive  
 Lync  
 SkyMap  
 Skype  
 Office 365  
 Puzzle Touch  
 Easy QR  
 Memorylage  
 Life Moments  
 Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
 MS Excel  
 Flipboard  
 Office 365  
 Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
 Record Voice Pen



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## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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### **21st Century Skills & Technology:**

- English Language Arts
- Technology
- Mathematics
- Visual and Performing Arts

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness

## **Differentiation**

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**The following differentiation strategies will be utilized:**

- As needed, provide more instruction that is on level or below grade level for the students who are struggling.
- Monitor progress, reteach as needed, and extend student thinking.

- Utilize multiple intelligences teaching strategies.

### **Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

### **Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers

- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

### **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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**The following strategies will be employed for students with IEP's and 504's:**

- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan.
  - Check work frequently for understanding.
  - Extended time on tests/quizzes
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- printed copy of board work/notes provided
  - additional time for skill mastery
  - assistive technology
  - behavior management plan
  - Center-Based Instruction
  - check work frequently for understanding
  - computer or electronic device utilizes
  - extended time on tests/ quizzes
  - have student repeat directions to check for understanding
  - highlighted text visual presentation
  - modified assignment format

- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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### **The following strategies will be employed for English Language Learners:**

- Decreasing the amount of work presented or required.
  - Using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify.
  - Allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning.
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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
  - using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
  - allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
  - allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
  - allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
  - decreasing the amount of work presented or required
  - having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
  - providing study guides
  - reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
  - reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
  - tutoring by peers
  - using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
  - using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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### **The following strategies will be employed for At Risk Learners:**

- Decreasing the amount of work presented or required.
  - Teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information.
  - Tutoring by peers.
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- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
  - teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
  - allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
  - allowing students to select from given choices
  - allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
  - collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
  - decreasing the amount of work presented or required
  - having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
  - modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
  - providing study guides
  - reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
  - reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
  - tutoring by peers
  - using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
  - using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
  - using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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### **The following Talented and Gifted adaptations will be employed:**

- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery.
  - Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor.
  - Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities.
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- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
  - Advanced problem-solving
  - Allow students to work at a faster pace
  - Cluster grouping
  - Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
  - Create a blog or social media page about their unit

- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Using the template below, please develop a **Sample Lesson** for the first unit only.

Unit Name:

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Statement of Objective:

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

Learning Activity:

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Materials:

21st Century Themes and Skills:

Differentiation/Modifications:

Integration of Technology: