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### 7th grade- Unit 11 – Your Financial Future

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# Sample Instructional Activities/Assessments

## Incoming Income

### Description –

1. Students will describe their ultimate dream job. Have them use information from reliable sources such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics [https://www.bls.gov/ooh/](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/).
2. Research the salary for the job. (Explain that this is their GROSS MONTHLY INCOME).
3. Have them explain the job description for this career and the salary that they’ll be compensated for their efforts.
4. Define “budget” and explain that it is use as a tool for spending and saving income. Students are to complete a working budget based on the allotted amounts for each category. Please let them know that the cost of many items can vary based on their selections. [http://www.leavedebtbehind.com/frugal-living/budgeting/10-recommended-category-percentages-for-your-family-budget/](http://www.leavedebtbehind.com/frugal-living/budgeting/10-recommended-category-percentages-for-your-family-budget/)
5. Have the students complete their final budget based on their salaries.

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### Literacy Standards

**Social Studies Matrices**

- **Enduring Understanding(s)**

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Where Does My Money Go?

Description –
1. Have the students explain what they know about taxes and who must pay them.
2. Read the “Weird taxes” [https://www.efile.com/unusual-strange-funny-taxes-throughout-the-world-and-history/](https://www.efile.com/unusual-strange-funny-taxes-throughout-the-world-and-history/) and explain that taxes have been around for centuries. (Students may also research additional “Weird taxes” as well.)
3. Explain how certain taxes are designated for different things. Have the students research various Local, State, and Federal taxes and what they pay for. A good resource to have students explore where their tax monies go at the local and county levels may be found at [http://www.youarewhywerehere.com/](http://www.youarewhywerehere.com/) This site is created by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and features some interactive and engaging tools for students.
4. Allow the student to re-visit their “Dream Job” and deduct the regional averages for the taxes. (Or you can use about 17% as an overall “tax deduction.”)
5. Explain that these taxes are called “DEDUCTIONS” and once removed from their salary, the remaining amount is known as their NET MONTHLY INCOME= the amount of money that is considered income!! Have the student re-calculate their budgets.

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## The More You Learn, the More you Earn! (Literacy and Careers)

### Description
1. Tell the students that most jobs require some form of literacy.
2. Challenge the students to take 5 minutes listing jobs that don’t require the ability to read and write at a designated level. Review. (Try to find some aspect of reading in each.)
3. Have a few jobs available on hand that require little to no ability to read, and include their salaries. Have each table group draw one from those jobs.
4. View the graph relating education with salary and unemployment attached below.
5. Students must complete a budget WITH TAX deductions on the career that requires minimal literacy.
6. Once complete, the students must SHOP for a house and a car within their budgeted housing and car allowance!!

**WRITE:** How might literacy and education relate to salaries and overall standard of living? How might it relate to the development of a nation? Share responses.

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**Enduring Understanding(s):**

Scarcity: The student will understand that scarcity of all resources forces parties to make choices and that these choices always incur a cost. (Economics)
Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment

Unemployment rate in 2014 (%)

- Doctoral degree: 2.1%
- Professional degree: 1.9%
- Master's degree: 2.8%
- Bachelor's degree: 3.5%
- Associate's degree: 4.5%
- Some college, no degree: 6.0%
- High school diploma: 6.0%
- Less than a high school diploma: 9.0%

Median weekly earnings in 2014 ($)

- Doctoral degree: $1,591
- Professional degree: $1,639
- Master's degree: $1,326
- Bachelor's degree: $1,101
- Associate's degree: $792
- Some college, no degree: $741
- High school diploma: $668
- Less than a high school diploma: $488

# The Cost of Credit, the Perks of Debit

**Description**

1. Discuss the difference between **credit** (money you borrow, and pay back with interest) and **debit** (money that you have earned and that is yours to use freely.)

2. Show the following video about Credit vs. Debit: [https://youtu.be/oJtecS-DVkc](https://youtu.be/oJtecS-DVkc)

3. Brainstorm scenarios where the use of credit may be utilized or necessary.

4. Show the following video “The Amazing $2,000 Pizza” [https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/continuing-education-video-series/episode-3-the-amazing-pizza](https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/continuing-education-video-series/episode-3-the-amazing-pizza) as students watch the video, have them develop a working term for **interest** (a percentage that must be paid back in addition to the original price of the item).

5. Have each student design a poster explaining the costs and benefits of using credit and a “general list of rules”. (ie. Use for emergencies, if you must use it have a plan for paying it back quickly, make sure you pay your bills on time, make sure you are not spending more than you earn or can pay back, make sure you keep your credit score as high as you can to save money in the long run, etc).

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Use simple annual interest to solve the following. Remember, if the question asks for the original price, that represents the price if you pay the cash value, and do not finance the item—which adds interest fees. Use simple annual interest to solve the following.

1. How much interest is earned on $293 savings account at 10% during the 1st year of saving? Amount earned: __

2. You put $939 into an investment at 8% per year. Amount earned: __

3. How much interest would you pay on a $25,000 vehicle purchase, at a rate of 3.99%? Original cost: __ Additional interest:

4. You buy a new laptop for $823 with an interest rate of 5%. Original cost: ____ Additional interest charges: __

5. You purchased very expensive clothing on a department store credit card. You spent $1,468 at 12.99% interest rate? Original cost: ____ additional interest Fees: ___
### Playing with Money Game

#### Description

1. Utilize all of the concepts we have reviewed to create a *modern* board game similar to “Life” (show game or commercial approx. 2:20- end). Use the following concepts to make the game interesting:
   - credit cards, credit reports, savings, interest rates, income, and taxes
   - the game must have a goal (ie. Save a specific amount, purchase certain items, buy a “home”, pay for college, buy a car- ANY financial goal!!)
   - Use cards, dice, game pieces, spinners, “twists”, bonuses, tricks, etc. to make it FUN!
   - The game must include the pieces and a page with the directions

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### Culminating Unit Performance Task

**Financing My Future Life**

**Description**
“My Future Life” project integrates finance with Standard of Living. As part of their project students need to include the following:
- dream job description and salary
- 3 possible college locations that have that program
  - school locations and tuition costs
  - plan for financing post-school career/education options (loans, savings, scholarships, etc.)
- Post school location (where do they want to live after college), State and average cost of living in that location
- Completed budget, to include:
  - GMI, completed budget with deductions, NMI
- images of their dream: house, car(s), family, etc.
- Students will include all information in a 10 slide multimedia presentation

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