Economics

Unit 2 – Economic Systems: How Economies Are Organized Teaching & Pacing Guide

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Content for Unit 2 is based loosely around Chapters 2 & 3 of the *Econ Alive!* textbook.

Competencies:

Developing Basic Economic Concepts and Structures

37: Identify factors of production.38: Compare economic systems.

41: Explain how businesses respond to consumer sovereignty.

Vocabulary:

Economic Freedom

Economic Efficiency

Economic Equity

Economic Equity

Economic Growth

Economic Stability

What are the three basic Economic Questions

Perpetual resources

Productivity (include the formula)

Consumer sovereignty

Command Economies

Traditional Economy

Mixed Economies

Public Goods

Free Rider

Renewable resources Factors of Production

Non-renewable resources

Estimated Time Needed	Unit 2 – Economic Systems: How Economies Are Organized – Day 1	Resources Needed
SOLs Covered:	EPF.1d The student will demonstrate knowledge of basic economic concepts and structures by identifying the factors of production.	
	EPF. 2f The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of producers &	
	consumers in a market economy by describing how increased productivity affects	
	costs of production and standard of living.	
	EPF.2g The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of producers and	
	consumers in a market economy by examining how investment in human capital,	
	capital goods, and technology can improve productivity.	
	37: Identify factors of production.	
Competencies:	38: Compare economic systems.41: Explain how businesses respond to consumer sovereignty.	
	Start class by doing the Economic Decision Making assignment page 1	Econ Alive! (Lesson
5 min	Start class by doing the Economic Decision Making assignment page 1	Guide)
	☐ Distribute Unit 2 Student Notes Packet	Unit 2 Student Notes
		Packet (1 per
		student)
	Discuss the following slides (see speaker notes on each slide for additional	
10 min	info): Definition of Economic Systems (Slide 3)	
	□ Possible Goals of Economic Systems (Slides 4 – 7)	Unit 2 Slide Show
	Students complete Economic Priorities assignment	Copies of Economic
15 min		Priorities assignment
10 min	Discuss with the student where they ranked each of the economic goals. Focus	
	on what they ranked the most important (#1 $\&$ #2) and least important (#5 $\&$	
	#6).	
	Discuss the following slides (see speaker notes on each slide for additional	
15 min	info):	
	Basic Economic Questions (Slide 9)	Linit 2 Clide Cherry
	☐ Factors of Production (Slides 10-13)	Unit 2 Slide Show

	☐ Productivity (Slide 14)	
30 min	 □ Do Factors of Production In-Class Activity □ Slides to help explain the activity to students and walk you through the parts of the activity □ Use the Excel Spreadsheet to quickly calculate the productivity (in terms of units of output per dollar input) for each team □ You will only do Rounds 1 – 3 Take 5 – 10 minutes to discuss what was illustrated in the activity during each round 	Book Making Activity description Unit 2 Slide Show Book Making Activity Productivity Calculation Worksheet (Excel spreadsheet)
5 min	■ Exit Pass: We discussed 5 possible goals of economic systems, name at least two of them why they are important. Answer: Slide 5-7	

Estimated Time Needed	Unit 2 – Economic Systems: How Economies Are Organized – Day 2	Resources Needed
SOLs Covered:	EPF.1e The student will demonstrate knowledge of basic economic concepts and structures by comparing the characteristics of market, command, traditional, and mixed economies. EPF.2b The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of producers and consumers in a market economy by explaining how businesses respond to consumer sovereignty.	
Competencie s:		
1:09 min 1:52 min 4:48 min 1:08 min	Options: ☐ Video: Needs vs. Wants	
5 min	Start class by reviewing the concepts of Economic Goals, the 3 Basic Economic Questions, Factors of Production, & Productivity (Slide 21)	Unit 2 Slide Show
30 min	 □ Discuss the following slides (see speaker notes on each slide for additional info): □ What Defines an Economic System? (Slide 21) □ Traditional Economies (Slide 22) □ Market Economies (Slides 23 – 24) □ Command Economies (Slides 25 – 26) 	Unit 2 Slide Show
50 min	Do one of the following lessons: From the Virtual Economics CD: Economies in Transition: Command to Market Lesson 2: Who Decides? Comparative Economics Systems http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=322&ty pe=educator	Virtual Economics v4 CD (if doing the Who Decides lesson) Comparative systems Worksheet and website access to www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html
	Additional Resources: ☐ Inuits (traditional economy)	and the state of t
5 min	 Exit Pass: What is the difference between a traditional and command economy? Answer: traditional is done the way it has always been done, command is done for the best of society. 	
Estimated Time Needed	Unit 2 – Economic Systems: How Economies Are Organized – Day 3	Resources Needed
SOL Covered:	EPF.1e The student will demonstrate knowledge of basic economic concepts and structures by comparing the characteristics of market, command, traditional, and mixed economies.	

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	☐ See videos from pervious day	Unit 2 Slide Show
5 min	Start class by reviewing the concepts of Traditional, Command, and	
	Market Economies (Slide 29)	
	Discuss the following slides (see speaker notes on each slide for	Unit 2 Slide Show
	additional info):	
	 Mixed Economies (Slide 30) 	
25 – 30 min	 Government's Role in a Mixed Economy (Slides 31 – 33) 	
	 The Mixed Economy: From Free to Repressed (Slide 34) 	
	 Criteria Evaluated To Determine The Economic Freedom of 	
	a Country (Slides 35 – 38)	
	☐ Have students complete Economic Freedom assignment	Copies of Economic Freedom
45 – 55 min	individually.	assignment
	☐ Web site to use: http://www.heritage.org/index/ranking	
	Exit Pass: Why is it important to have the government for	
5 min	protection and regulation in the economy? Give an example	
	Answer: government protects society from potential dangers. Slide 32	
Estimated		
Time	Unit 2 – Economic Systems: How Economies Are Organized – Day 4	Resources Needed
Needed		
	☐ Hand out Unit 2 Test Study Guide	Copies of Unit 2 Test Study Guide
	☐ Conduct review for Unit 2 Test using Unit 2 Review Jeopardy	Unit 2 Review Jeopardy
40 min	\Box Kahoot: <u>https://play.kahoot.it/#/k/aa9b9f63-b783-4b7f-</u>	PowerPoint presentation
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45	Students will begin working on Unit 2 Test Written Portion	Copies of Unit 2 Test Written
45 min		Portion
	Exit Pass: What are the three basic economic questions?	
5 min	Answer: (1) for whom to produce (2) how to produce (3) what to	
	produce	
Estimated		
Time	Unit 2 – Economic Systems: How Economies Are Organized – Day 5	Resources Needed
Needed		
30 min	☐ Students take Unit 2 Test on Quia	Unit 2 Test on Quia
55 min	☐ Students finish Unit 2 Test Written Portion	
5 min	☐ Exit Pass: Who decides how to answer the three basic economic	
	questions in a command economy? Market economy?	
	Answer: command economy central planners answer the 3 basic	
I	questions. In market economy consumers and producers decide	

Additional resources:

Teaching Money