



10 Minute Learning Activity

Database: NewsBank Newspapers

Topic/Subject Area: Mathematics

Grade Level: 9-12

Essential Question: Why is it important to study personal finance in high school?

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Academic Content Standards: K-12 Mathematics

Standard: Mathematical Processes

Benchmark: (8-10) B. Apply mathematical knowledge and skills routinely in other content areas and practical situations.

(11-12) J. Apply mathematical modeling to workplace and consumer situations, including problem formulation, identification of a mathematical model, interpretation of solution within the model, and validation to original problem situation.

Grade Level Indicator: (Specific grade-level indicators have not been included for the mathematical processes standard because content and processes should be interconnected at the indicator level. Therefore, mathematical processes have been embedded within the grade-level indicators for the five content standards.)

Search Steps:

1. Enter URL address: www.infohio.org.
2. Select *Resources for Grades 9 – 12*.
3. Select *NewsBank, Inc.* from the *Core Collections of Electronic Resources*.
4. Enter local username and password, if prompted for authentication. Your teacher, librarian or technology coordinator will have this information.
5. Select *NewsBank, Inc.* once again.
6. Click on *Plain Dealer, The* under *Search Shortcuts*.
7. Click on *Advanced Search* next to the green search button.
8. Type *Teens* in the first search box (after the word *for*) and *Personal Finance* in the second (after the *AND*). Click the green *Search* button.
9. Scroll down to the article from *August 22, 2005*, entitled *Spending habits start young, with few school programs, parents must teach money management*.
10. Select and read this article.
11. Using the article as a reference, list at least three reasons that personal finance could and should be studied in schools.

Additional Comments on Search Process:

1. If the student is having trouble finding the article, add the date into the *Custom Date* box in the advanced search to only bring up articles from this date.
2. Upon entering the *NewsBank* site, if *America's Newspapers* is chosen (clicked), then lists of newspapers being searched can be found using the left bar *Search Shortcuts*. These are broken into *Local*, *Ohio* and *National* titles.
3. Using the same information as Comment number two and the *Create Custom List* feature, specific newspapers can be chosen to search for any given topic.