



## Teacher Talk Planner 2022-2023

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Teacher Talk is designed to help educators teach basic and intermediate economic concepts through a variety of tips, in the form of discussion questions, lesson starters, classroom activities, and more. This year's planner focuses on the Kansas City Fed, also known as the 10th Federal Reserve District. Key industries paired with the history and topography of the Kansas City Fed region are highlighted in each tip.

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**Access this year's Teacher Talk tip resources, linked below.**

### **AUGUST - COLORADO**

In Colorado, part of the Rocky Mountain region, key economic factors include energy, mining, manufacturing, transportation, wholesale trade, professional and business services, as well as tourism. Denver also has a branch office of the Kansas City Fed.

- [Counterfeit Currency](#) (K-5)
- [Colorado State Quarter](#) (K-5)
- [Denver Mint video](#) (K-5)
- [Debt Study by Experian](#) (6-8)
- [Colorado Manufacturing](#) (6-8)
- [Colorado Trade](#) (9-12)
- [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (9-12)
- [Location, Location, Location: Let's Start a Business lesson](#) (9-12)

### **SEPTEMBER - KANSAS**

Kansas' economic activity is geared toward agriculture, construction, tourism, and information.

- [Life Cycle of Money](#) (K-5)
- [Sweet Potato Pie lesson](#) (K-5)
- [Ten Mile Day lesson](#) (6-8)
- [Exoduster](#)(6-8)

- [Women's Suffrage Sunflower](#)(6-8)
- [Kansas Agriculture](#) (6-8, 9-12)
- [Follow the Yellow Brick Road booklet](#) (9-12)
- [Tenth District Databook](#) (9-12)

## **OCTOBER - MISSOURI**

Western Missouri falls within the Kansas City Fed district and its key economic industries are mining, construction, tourism, and professional and business services. It is also home to our head office in Kansas City and the other part of Missouri is shared with the St. Louis Fed, making it the only state with two Federal Reserve head offices.

- [Fed Structure video](#) (K-5)
- [Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford lesson](#) (K-5)
- [Negro Leagues Baseball video](#) (6-8)
- [Progress Through Parity lesson](#) (9-12)
- [Missouri Crops](#) (9-12)
- [Missouri Minimum Wage](#) (9-12)
- [Missouri Manufacturing](#) (9-12)

## **NOVEMBER - NEBRASKA**

Nebraska's key economic industries include agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and information. It also has one of the Kansas City Fed's three branch offices in Omaha.

- [Saving Strawberry Farm lesson](#) (K-5)
- [Scraps of Time: Abby Takes a Stand](#) (6-8)
- [Nebraska Crops](#) (9-12)

## **DECEMBER - NEW MEXICO**

The Kansas City Fed serves northern New Mexico, part of the Rocky Mountain area, where key industries include energy, mining, construction, retail and wholesale trade, tourism, and manufacturing. The other part of New Mexico is shared with the Dallas Fed.

- [Community Banks](#) (9-12)

## **JANUARY - OKLAHOMA**

Oklahoma's key economic drivers include agriculture, energy, mining, wholesale trade, transportation, financial activities, tourism, and Oklahoma City is home to a branch office of the Kansas City Fed.

- [Glo Goes Shopping lesson](#) (K-5)
- [Early Forms of Money lesson](#) (6-8)
- [What Makes a Senator lesson](#) (9-12)
- [Red Cross Disaster Relief](#) (9-12)

## **FEBRUARY - WYOMING**

The Rocky Mountains include Wyoming, where key industries include energy, mining, construction, manufacturing, retail trade, tourism, and professional and business services.

- [My Side of the Mountain lesson](#) (6-8)
- [19th Amendment](#) (9-12)
- [Jackson Hole Economic Symposium](#) (9-12)

## **MARCH - AGRICULTURE**

The Kansas City Fed is a leader within the Federal Reserve System on topics related to the agricultural economy. Our work provides insights on agricultural and rural economies for our seven-state region and beyond.

- [Time for Cranberries lesson](#) (K-5)
- [The Lorax lesson](#) (K-5)
- [Worth lesson](#) (6-8)
- [Homestead Act of 1862](#) (9-12)
- [Russia-Ukraine Conflict article](#) (9-12)

## **APRIL - ENERGY**

The Kansas City Fed actively focuses on energy-related economic research. Our work provides insights on the energy industry within our district, as well as nationally and globally.

- [The Ox Cart Man lesson](#) (K-5)

- [Vehicle Fuel \(6-8\)](#)
- [One Plastic Bag lesson \(6-8\)](#)

## **MAY - MANUFACTURING**

The Kansas City Fed regularly monitors the economic impact of manufacturing plants and their activity, including production, shipments, and price changes of raw materials and finished products.

- [Consumers and Producers video \(K-5\)](#)
- [Sky Boys lesson \(K-5\)](#)
- [Teaching Tips: Rebuilding Rural Manufacturing \(9-12\)](#)
- [Manufacturing Survey \(9-12\)](#)

## **Join our mail list to receive the Teacher Talk Planner!**

Educators in the Kansas City Fed district are welcome to sign up to receive a complimentary copy of the current Teacher Talk Planner. Let us know if you're interested by [emailing](#) your contact information and physical mailing address. New planners are distributed in the fall.

## **Access more Teacher Talk Planner tips!**

Tips compiled from previous Teacher Talk Planners have been consolidated into Bite-Size Economics, which can easily be integrated into K-12 classrooms through reading, problem solving, social studies, and language arts, as well as economics, personal finance and career prep courses. Check out Bite-Size Economics linked below.

- [2010-2011 Bite-Size Economics](#): These tips were taken from the 2010-2011 Teacher Talk Planner and can help students understand fundamental economic concepts such as scarcity, opportunity cost, incentive, market, entrepreneur, and more.
- [2012-2013 Bite-Size Economics](#): These tips were pulled from the 2012-2013 Teacher Talk Planner and focus on activities related to economic concepts and their opposites like wants vs. needs, costs vs. benefits, profit vs. loss, shortage vs. surplus, asset vs. liability, and so on.