

FED DETECTIVE TRAVELING TRUNK

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LESSON DESCRIPTION:

Thank you for requesting the Federal Reserve Bank's Fed Detective Traveling Trunk resources to present to your class, school or community group. Use the Table of Contents below to help you find lessons, activities and general information that relates to the trunk materials.

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

- **Trunk Policies**

These are the guidelines that should be followed in using, repacking and returning the trunk to the Federal Reserve Bank office.

- **Fed Fundamentals**

This information gives the presenter a brief background on the Federal Reserve System and includes a map of the regional Federal Reserve Banks with the Kansas City branch offices shown.

SECTION 2: INSIDE THE TRUNK

- **Trunk Inventory List**

This is an itemized list of all materials included in the trunk. Please use the list when you repack the trunk to make sure all items are returned to the Federal Reserve Bank office indicated.

- **Talking Points for Trunk Resources**

This script can be used to give background information while sharing the forms of money and hands-on items from the trunk with your groups

SECTION 3: TRUNK ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPANY RESOURCES

- **Early Forms of Money Lesson**

This lesson can be used with the items bulleted under the money heading on the inventory list. Through this lesson, students learn about the four characteristics of money (portability, divisibility, durability, acceptability) and why currency and coin are the forms of money used today.

- **Teacher Activities for Currency Cards**

These activities can be used with the set of currency cards included in the trunk. Students learn about the features, symbolism and security measures used in designing currency. Extension activities are also included.

- **Teacher Talk Planner activities**

These activities are taken from the 2010-2011 Teacher Talk Planner. The activities introduce 12 economic concepts which can be developed by the correlated literature, problem solving, social studies, language and art activities. These activities and discussions can be easily integrated into the classroom.



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SECTION 4: PERSONAL FINANCE LESSON PLANS AND ROLE PLAYS

- **“There’s No Business Like Bank Business”** - grades 3-5
This lesson and role play teaches students the importance of saving money and how a bank operates as a business.
 - **“Payment Parliament”** - grades 5-8
This lesson and role play introduces students to the different methods of payments for goods and services, and discusses the advantages and disadvantages of each type of payment.
 - **“To Pay the Price”** - grades 5-8
This lesson and role play explores online banking and electronic methods of payment in a quiz show format. Students learn about security measures used online to keep their transactions safe.
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SECTION 5: CHILDREN’S LITERATURE LESSON PLANS TO ACCOMPANY BOOKS

- **Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday** - grades K-2
Students become aware of the importance of spending and saving money wisely.
 - **Bunny Money** - grades K-2
Students are introduced to short-term and long-term saving goals to help them save for goods they want in the future.
 - **Rock, Brock and the Savings Shock** - grades 1-3
Students learn about the benefits of saving and are introduced to compound interest.
 - **Less Than Zero** - grades 3-5
Students learn about the importance of having savings goals and that borrowing is sometimes necessary. They are introduced to numbers below zero.
 - **Saturday Sancocho** - grades 3-5
Students explore bartering as a means of exchange and how the use of money makes exchange easier.
 - **On the Court with Michael Jordan** - grades 5-8
Students focus on the decision-making process and learn about human capital through Michael Jordan’s story.
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SECTION 6: MONEY ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND QUIZZES

- A variety of math and language arts activities that can be reproduced for classroom use.
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SECTION 7: ADDITIONAL FEDERAL RESERVE RESOURCES

- Materials and activities related to the Federal Reserve publications sent in the trunk.
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SECTION 8: APPENDIX

- Additional resources in the area of money and banking for teachers.

