

**Wilkes-Barre Area School District
Civics/Economics**

Unit 3: Economic Basics and Government Involvement in the Economy (13 Weeks)				
<i>Civics and Government Assessment Anchors</i>	<i>Big Ideas</i>	<i>Essential Questions</i>	<i>PDE Standards</i>	<i>Resources</i>
C.1.1.1.1 C.1.1.1.2 C.1.1.1.3 C.1.1.1.4 C.2.2.2.5 C.2.3.1.1 C.2.3.2.1 C.2.3.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited resources and unlimited wants require choices by individuals, groups, and nations. • All economic systems must answer what, and how, goods and services will be produced, and who will consume those goods and services. • The interaction of buyers and sellers determines prices and quantities exchanged, except when influenced by governmental policies. • The location of resources, transportation, communication networks, and technological innovation affect international economic patterns and the distribution of wealth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do contemporary nations deal with the issue of economic scarcity and the distribution of goods and services within their respective societies? • Why is determining the unintended consequences through an analysis of marginal costs/benefits and opportunity cost of a particular economic choice or national policy important? • What overall trends can be identified in the contemporary international economic system in terms of scarcity and decisions? 	6.1.7.C 6.1.8.C 6.1.9.C 6.1.12.A 6.1.C.A 6.1.U.C 6.1.W.C 6.1.12.A 6.1.12.B 6.1.C.A 6.1.C.B 6.1.U.B 6.1.W.B 6.1.7.B 6.1.8.B 6.1.9.B 6.1.U.B 6.1.W.B 6.2.7.A 6.2.8.A 6.2.9.A 6.2.12.A 6.2.12.G 6.2.C.A 6.2.C.G 6.2.U.A 6.2.U.G 6.2.W.A 6.2.W.G 6.1.12.B 6.1.C.B 6.1.7.B 6.1.8.B 6.1.9.B 6.1.U.B 6.1.W.B 6.2.7.A 6.2.8.A 6.2.9.A 6.2.12.A 6.2.12.G 6.2.C.A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDE SAS Website • iCivics • Civics: Government and Economics in Action (Prentice Hall, 2007) • Civics in Practice: Principles of Government and Economics (Holt McDougal, 2007.) • United States Government (Holt McDougal, 2012) • Ed Helper • Discovery Education • Outside Resources • New York Times Up Front Magazine • EverFi • “Making the Right Money Moves”

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic decision-making by entities and individuals impact others locally, regionally, and around the globe. • Individuals and entities endeavor to obtain goods and services and to accumulate wealth. 	<p>What is the role of government in a modern mixed economy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does a modern government use its power to control excessive economic expansion and avoid severe economic contraction? • What specific economic indicators are most effective in evaluating the condition of an economy? • How have historical instances of restrictions and lack of restrictions on trade impacted the standard of living in the United States? Explain the difference between the budget deficit and national debt. • Analyze the impact of 	<p>6.2.C.G 6.2.U.A 6.2.U.G 6.2.W.A 6.2.W.G 6.1.12.B 6.1.C.B 6.1.7.C 6.1.8.C 6.1.9.C 6.1.12.A 6.1.C.A 6.1.U.A 6.1.W.A 6.1.12.A 6.1.12.B 6.1.C.A 6.1.C.B 6.1.U.B 6.1.W.B 6.1.7.C 6.1.8.C 6.1.9.C 6.1.12.A 6.1.C.A 6.1.U.A 6.1.W.A</p>	
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		<p>fiscal policies and decisions to change spending and tax levels by the Federal government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and analyze forces that can change price.• Explain how the gross domestic product can be used to describe a country's economic output over time, comparing outputs from year to year. What comparative advantages have enabled the U.S. to achieve its current status as the premier global economic power?• What comparative advantages do contemporary emerging nations enjoy that are resulting in their current rapid		
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		<p>economic growth and growing influence in global markets?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How should a developed nation react to increasing economic competition from developing nations as their level of economic development rises?• What might be the next level of economic development in regard to the global economy?		
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