'Tis the Season for Economics!



ELEMENTARY:

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert

Concepts: barter, goods, services

http://blog.richmond.edu/openwidelookinside/archives/315

http://www.econed.org/userfiles/files/New%20Coat%20for%20Anna(1).pdf

http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=699&type=educator

http://www.mcee.umn.edu/documents/A%20New%20Coat.pdf

http://exchange.smarttech.com/details.html?id=ff28819d-9f1d-46b0-bad4-871b96a9bbf4

http://exchange.smarttech.com/details.html?id=397b4ebd-7ee1-4929-b79c-9e91d35b1de5

A Colonial Christmas in Williamsburg

Concepts: consumers, producers, goods, services, wants

http://teachers.history.org/resources/lesson-plans/colonial-christmas-williamsburg

Econ Songs

Concepts: Too many to list.

Use familiar and often holiday tunes to teach economics.

http://www.kidseconposters.com/activites-and-games/sing-a-longs/

How Santa Got His Job by Stephen Krensky

Concepts: Human Resources, human capital

http://www.kidseconposters.com/literature-connection/human-resources/how-santa-got-his-

job/?back=literature

If You Take a Mouse to the Movies by Laura Numeroff

Concepts: Unlimited wants, production

While both of these links are for If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, they are easily adapted.

Students can create stockings full of wants, produce Christmas cookies or ornaments.

http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu/lessons/mouse.htm

http://blog.richmond.edu/openwidelookinside/archives/1837

http://www.mcee.umn.edu/documents/Give%20a%20Mouse%20a%20Cookie.pdf

Messy Bessey's Holidays by Patricia and Fredrick McKissack

Concepts: factors of production, intermediate goods, natural resources, capital resources, human

resources

Great holiday book! Lesson includes whiteboard interactives

http://www.stlouisfed.org/education_resources/messy-besseys-holidays/

Natural Resources and Your Christmas Tree

Concept: natural resources

http://www.mineralseducationcoalition.org/pdfs/xmastree.pdf

Toys for Me: A Lesson on Choice

Concepts: choice, opportunity cost, economic wants

Too Many Toys by David Shannon is a wonderful connection for this lesson.

http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=517&type=educator

MIDDLE AND SECONDARY

Christmas Infographics

Concepts: spending, credit use, consumer, goods and services

Twitter influence on Christmas Shopping

http://www.mediabistro.com/alltwitter/twitter-xmas-shopping_b51172

Deck the Halls with Macro Follies Concept macroeconomic concepts http://econstories.tv/macro-follies/

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss

Concepts: consumer, spending, price

Great links to articles about the consumerism spawned by this non-materialistic story. http://www.myfreshplans.com/2010-11/how-the-grinch-stole-christmas-lesson-plans/

MAKING SEN\$E WITH PAUL SOLMAN

'Tis the Season, But Should We Save or Spend? A Holiday Money Conundrum

Concepts: saving, spending, consumer, decision making http://www.econedlink.org/interactives/index.php?iid=276

Scrooge for Mayor

Concept: labor, choice, decision making

 $\frac{http://www.silvercreekschools.org/cms/lib/NY19000329/Centricity/Domain/63/Scrooge_for_Mayor.pdf$

The Prices are Changing

Concepts: consumer, producer, price, demand, supply

http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=747&type=student

GENERAL

8 Things We Already Know About the 2014 Holiday Shopping Season

Concept: consumer, producer, market, demand

http://time.com/money/3422663/holiday-shopping-season-trends/

As UPS Knows, It's Never Too Early to Think about Christmas

Concepts: business, market, consumers, producers

http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2014/09/16/as-ups-knows-its-never-too-early-to-think-about-

christmas/

Behavioral Economic Lessons for Holiday Shopping Season

Concept: consumer, producers, spending, market

https://www.executiveboard.com/blogs/behavioral-economics-lessons-for-holiday-shopping-season/

CNBC: Retailers Expected To Miss Out On Up To \$8.6 Billion in M-Commerce During The

Largest Mobile Holiday Shopping Season In History

Concepts: consumers, producers, goods, services, supply, demand, market

http://www.cnbc.com/id/102105571#.

Christmas Budget Concepts: budget

http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/Lessons/408.htm

Christmas Shopping Season Starts Today: Walmart Leads the Way with Price Cuts on 20,000

Items for the Holiday Season

Concepts: consumer producer, market, incentives

http://globaleconomicanalysis.blogspot.com/2014/11/christmas-shopping-season-starts-

today.html#qoEPWBQrqv7gCsmX.99

Christmas Trees

Arkansas Christmas Tree Growers' Association

Concept: natural resources, market

http://www.arktreegrowers.com/

Holiday Greeting Cards

Concepts: Supply, Demand,

http://www.greetingcard.org/AbouttheIndustry/tabid/58/Default.aspx

http://rubberstamping.about.com/od/opportunities/a/GreetingCardFactsandFigures.htm

http://articles.latimes.com/2011/nov/24/business/la-fi-greeting-cards-20111124

http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/8805515/

http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/12/if-economists-wrote-christmas-

cards/282493/

The Inventor of Christmas Tree Lights was a Kid Just Like Me

Concepts: innovation,

Share the article with students and then have them design the "next big thing" for Christmas Decorations or Toys.

http://www.ideafinder.com/history/inventions/christlights.htm

National Retail Federation: Optimist Shines as National Retail Federation Forecasts Holiday Sales to Increase 4.1%

https://nrf.com/media/press-releases/optimism-shines-national-retail-federation-forecasts-holiday-sales-increase-41

Spending Forecasts for the Holiday Season

Concepts: consumers, spending, products, supply, demand Great way to add a little informational text to your curriculum.

Consumer Affairs: Holiday Sales (already?) Seen Increasing 4% this Year (2014)

http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/holiday-sales-already-seen-increasing-4-this-year-

100814.html

The Christmas Consumer Price Index

Concepts: consumer price index, consumer

http://www.pncchristmaspriceindex.com/ ALL AGES WILL ENJOY!!!!!

http://www.bls.gov/cpi/

http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=865&type=afterschool

The Economics of Christmas

Concepts: market, consumers, producers, supply, demand, goods, services

http://trueeconomics.blogspot.com/2014/01/212014-economics-of-christmas.html

http://blog.inomics.com/en/the-economics-of-christmas/

Tickle Me Elmo Economics

Concept: supply and demand

http://www.finpipe.com/tickle-me-elmo-economics/

When the Sun Stands Still: Celebrating December

Concept: consumer

http://www.pulseplanet.com/pulsepicks/december/