

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 SENSE 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

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/>