'Tis the Season for Economics 2017 Edition

Elementary:

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert

Concepts: barter, goods, services

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



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 this link is for *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the activity can be easily adapted. Students can create stockings full of wants, produce Christmas cookies or ornaments.

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

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://mineralseducationcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2 2013 christmasactivity.pdf

Toys for Me: A Lesson on Choice

Concepts: choice, opportunity cost, economic wants

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



Too Many Toys (lesson on Economics Arkansas website)

Concepts: choice, decision making, demand, economic wants, opportunity cost, price, production, scarcity

http://www.economicsarkansas.org/for teachers/lesson plans.html

Middle/Secondary:

A Colonial Christmas in Williamsburg

Concepts: consumers, producers, goods, services, wants http://www.history.org/history/teaching/colxmas.cfm

Christmas Budget

Concepts: budget, spending, choice, saving

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

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

Concepst: 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:

Christmas Trees

Arkansas Christmas Tree Growers' Association

Concepts: natural resources, market http://www.arktreegrowers.com/ National Christmas Tree Association

http://www.realchristmastrees.org/dnn/Education/Quick-Tree-Facts

Holiday Greeting Cards

Concepts: supply, demand

http://time.com/money/4148180/christmas-cards-spending-2015

http://www.greetingcardassociation.org.uk/resources/for-publishers/the-market/facts-and-figures

https://corporate.hallmark.com/hallmark-news/christmas-cards/

https://www.greetingcard.org/industry-resources/industry-information/

The History of Christmas Stuff

Concepts: entrepreneur, good, invention

Many Inventions Have Been Created during Christmas Celebrations https://www.thoughtco.com/history-of-christmas-stuff-1991216

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

Concepts: innovation, good, entrepreneur

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

Holiday Hiring is Getting More Difficult during the Holiday

Concepts: labor, human resources, supply, demand

http://money.cnn.com/2017/10/13/news/companies/holiday-hiring/index.html

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/

PNC's Twelve Days of Christmas

Concepts: price, inflation, goods, market, supply, demand

https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/topics/pnc-christmas-price-index.html

USA Today Twelve Days of Christmas

https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2017/11/15/buying/862441001/

'Tis the Season for Holiday Inventions

Concepts: invention, good, market, entrepreneur

http://www.davison.com/blog/2013/12/10/tis-the-season-for-holiday-inventions/

Infographics:

2017 Holiday Shopping Survey

https://wallethub.com/credit-cards/?v=21#survey

2017 Holiday Supply Chain Infographic

https://www.fronetics.com/2017-holidays-supply-chain-infographic/

Holiday Spending by the Numbers

http://blog.signpost.com/infographic-2017-holiday-spending-projections-and-trends-by-the-numbers/

The Advertisers Guide to the Holiday Shopping Season

https://www.socialmediatoday.com/news/the-advertisers-guide-to-the-holiday-shopping-season-infographic/507409/

Current Event Articles:

6 Tips to Save on Holiday Spending

Concepts: saving, spending, consumer, producers, wants, market https://www.forbes.com/sites/shannonmclay/2017/11/14/6-tips-to-save-on-holiday-spending/#737338d91f12

101 Holiday Savings Tips

Concepts: saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://www.incharge.org/2017/11/10/101-holiday-savings-tips/

2017 Consumer Holiday Shopping Report

Concepts: saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/finance/2017-consumer-holiday-shopping-report/

Almost Half of Younger Consumers Plan to Spend More during the Holidays

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://nrf.com/media/press-releases/almost-half-of-younger-consumers-plan-spend-more-during-the-holidays

Amazon Wants to Hire 120,000 U.S. Workers for the Holidays

Concepts: labor, human resources, services, supply, demand http://money.cnn.com/2017/10/12/technology/amazon-holiday-help/index.html

Get Christmas Budget Set for Holiday Spending in October

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2017/10/16/how-budget-december-holidays-october/748529001/

Holiday Shopping: What, Where, and When?

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/consumer-business/articles/holiday-retail-sales-consumer-survey.html

Holiday Spending Expected to Increase 6% This Year

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://nypost.com/2017/10/03/holiday-spending-expected-to-increase-6-percent-this-year/

National Retail Federation

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market, revenue, profit https://nrf.com/

Nobel Spending Guidance for the Holidays

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2017-11-17/holiday-shopping-advice-from-a-nobel-prize-winner-in-economics

Positive and Negative Factors that Could Impact Retail Holiday 2017

Concepts: budget, saving, spending, consumer, producer, wants, market https://www.forbes.com/sites/nikkibaird/2017/11/06/positive-and-negative-factors-that-could-impact-retail-holiday-2017/#22d30d3c13b9

Target Plans to Hire 100,000 Workers for the 2017 Holidays, up 40% from Last Year https://www.cnbc.com/2017/09/13/target-to-hire-40-percent-more-seasonal-workers-for-2017-holidays.html

Who's Hiring the Most? Holiday Season 2017

https://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffkauflin/2017/10/25/whos-hiring-the-most-holiday-season-2017/#339583fadfbb

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