

## Economics History Day Topics List

### “Communication in History”

Social Studies Content Standards	Example Topic for History Day
<p>1. Develop and apply economic reasoning and decision-making skills.</p> <p>2. Evaluate how societies answer three basic economic questions: what goods and services to produce, how to produce them, and for whom are they produced.</p> <p>3. Explain how prices are set in a market economy using supply and demand graphs and will determine how price provides incentives to buyers and sellers.</p> <p>4. Evaluate how changes in the level of competition in different markets affect prices.</p> <p>5. Describe the role of economic institutions, including banks, credit unions, corporations, governments, and not-for-profits in a market economy.</p> <p>6. Analyze how money makes it easier to trade, borrow, save, invest, and compare the value of goods and services.</p> <p>7. Evaluate how interest rates impact decisions in the market economy.</p> <p>8. Analyze the role of entrepreneurs and laborers in a market economy.</p> <p>9. Evaluate the economic role of government in a free market and a mixed market economy.</p> <p>10. Examine the current economic conditions in the United States.</p> <p>11. Identify the basic measure of a nation’s economic output and income.</p> <p>12. Explain the role of inflation and unemployment in an economic system.</p> <p>13. Identify the potential economic impact of policy changes by the Federal Reserve and federal government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Whiskey Rebellion: How Taxes and Transport Costs Led to Armed Insurrection</li> <li>• Andrew Jackson, The Second Bank of the United States, and the Panic of 1837</li> <li>• Robert L. Owen, the Father of Child Labor Laws</li> <li>• World War I, Wheat Prices, and the Dust Bowl</li> <li>• Tenant Farming, Sharecropping, and the Great Depression</li> <li>• Penn Square Bank: Speculation and Hyper-Inflation</li> <li>• The New Deal and Oklahoma’s State Parks</li> <li>• Depression, Dust Bowl, and the Road West</li> <li>• Agrarian vs. Industrial Socialism and Progressive Oklahoma</li> <li>• The Short Term Effects and Long Term Effectiveness of Prohibition</li> <li>• Humanitarian Issues and For-Profit Prisons</li> <li>• The Northern System vs. the Southern System: How All of America Profited from Slavery</li> <li>• Tariffs: Barriers to Free Enterprise or Protectionist Sources of Revenue?</li> <li>• Glass-Steagall: Defender of America’s Upward Mobility or Unnecessary Barrier to Corporate Profits?</li> <li>• Henry Ford and the Minimum Wage: How one of America’s Most Anti-Union Entrepreneurs Established One of Its Most Progressive Wage Systems</li> <li>• News Boy Strike of 1899</li> <li>• United Fruit Company: America Profiting off of Central American Plantations</li> <li>• Young Lords Free Breakfast for Children Plan</li> <li>• Occupy Wall Street: Protesting Wealth Gaps in America</li> <li>• Slave Labor: The Backbone of the Southern Economy Pre-Civil War</li> </ul>