**Virtual Teaching Resources (Part 2) – Financial Literacy**

First, a new bit of “humor” as we all adjust to teaching virtually:

<https://www.timesfreepress.com/cartoons/2020/mar/17/much-easier/4269/>

**Secondary Financial Literacy**

I know there are a wide variety of synchronous and asynchronous strategies being used in classrooms around Colorado currently. Some teachers are posting lessons or sending home packets, while others are trying to maintain live lessons at a set time every day. Because of that, I put together a variety of sources for financial literacy lessons and supplements:

1) Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF.com) – the top choice for online PFL lessons and training – mostly high school, but their games are 6-12 and they do have some middle school units. They have a lot available – I’m just highlighting a few:

“Best-by-Unit” Lessons for Key PFL topics: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gCXd_QvbGl1lqQ4HQg3q3J1AxTv-BS7y/view> (lists the top 3 lessons within 10 categories of PFL – each links directly to the lesson plan. Most are designed for traditional in-class use, but adaptable to a virtual setting)

Comparison of NGPF Curriculum Types: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UlnQ04zSohSaPWJv9AOSEyMZM7Zj-RLJ94JRCMu0FZQ/edit> (a chart comparing the different scopes of curriculum, whether you are needing a short-term unit or pieces from a semester or year-long course. Again, each provides direct links to the unit plan)

Fin-Cap Fridays: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wn6dLHr-AqAbW1cJ9d-AV70Vom6NACmecaujcml5P9k/edit#gid=0> (5-minute current events videos related to PFL or ECON issues. Most have Kahoot quizzes built into them, and new ones also have EdPuzzles connected to the video to allow teachers to check for understanding/participation while administering online)

Data Crunches and Questions of the Day: <https://www.ngpf.org/data-crunch/> and <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ix3xWGdJx6oKpyKdmadLrmmU2_Bu85n-2L-yCMuDmDo/edit#gid=449887544> (Activities designed around a variety of PFL topics – in the Data Crunch activities students are given a chart or graph, along with 5 scaffolded questions to help students analyze the data and draw conclusions, while in the Question of the Day the teacher is given the information in slide form, along with open-ended questions they can choose whether to use with their students or not)

Video Library: <https://www.ngpf.org/video-library/> (NGPF has an extensive library of videos from other media sources, vetted to match specific PFL topics. Some have EdPuzzles built in already. Make sure you either use the search box or press the “View More Items” box at the bottom of the page, since it only displays a certain number of results at one time)

Case Studies: <https://www.ngpf.org/case-studies/> (These are longer real-world situations built around PFL issues, with readings and open-ended questions included. Most of these assume prior knowledge of the topic, so probably more useful as culminating activities unless you want to build in your own scaffolding. Also have a lot of Spanish-language versions for these)

Arcade: <https://www.ngpf.org/arcade/> (No, I didn’t forget about the games! Main suggestion if you are using them in a class setting would be to include elements of the reflection worksheets to make sure the students were engaged and participated in the activity. My personal suggestion would also be to either play the game yourself a few times before you assign it, or watch one of NGPF’s great webinars on their games <https://www.ngpf.org/pd/virtual-pd/> - there’s a great overview of teaching Arcade games remotely coming up on Monday the 6th!)

2) Council for Economic Education (EconEdLink.org) – while they mostly focus on printed lessons for in-class use (we use a lot of their resources in our ELC classes) they do have good material to use for packets and links to online materials

Collections: <https://www.econedlink.org/collections/> (If you are looking for short-term, focused content to engage students, these collections are usually 5-10 lessons on a specific topic. Several can work independently like the Children’s Literature or Math units, while others may )

Turbo Tax and Mint Simulations: <https://www.econedlink.org/resources/collection/edtech-webinar-series/> (while all of the webinars listed have good content, scroll to the bottom for lessons on how to use Turbo Tax for tax activities, and Mint for credit/budget activities with students. Good step-by-step directions but you may have to provide “tech support” for students who get stuck. I would definitely advise watching the recorded webinars yourself before assigning content.

The Fiscal Ship <https://fiscalship.org/> (A good game to use with students on federal budget issues, but pretty high level content – if working independently I’d probably only use with juniors or seniors. There are teacher resources/assignments on the site, OR you can use ones created by CEE to integrate into the game <https://www.econedlink.org/?s=fiscal+ship&post_type=post>. We have used this game in 2 recent classes (“2020 Elections” and “Understanding Fiscal Responsibility”) so teachers who took those classes would have the resources already available.

FFFL thumb drive: Just a reminder for anyone who has attended our MoneyWi$er or Fidelity workshops in the past 2 years – you already have PDF versions of all the Financial Fitness for Life student lessons available to upload into online lessons or incorporate into your own lessons.

3) Marginal Revolution University (MRU.org) – while better known for their Micro and Macro videos, MRU does have a 10-video series on personal finance (but no lessons built into that series):

Money Skills: <https://mru.org/money-skills> (Video style is a mix of professor presentation and graphics to demonstrate issues – mostly focuses on job skills and investing)

4) Consumer Jungle (University of Arizona) (<https://www.consumerjungle.org/>) – provides several games for MS and HS students to use for PFL, as well as lesson materials on consumer fraud and car purchasing

5) Khan Academy – Personal Finance (<https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/personal-finance>) – Like most Khan Academy video series, it offers straightforward videos and lessons for review of PFL content

6) The Mint – Tips for Teens (<http://www.themint.org/teens/>) Linked lessons and activities/quizzes for teens to learn more about PFL topics (NOTE – the resources appear in the left column, so pay attention!)

**Elementary Financial Literacy**

I already reminded you about the FFFL drives and lessons above. This is a short selection of other sites/videos available:

1) Sand Dollar City (<http://www.sanddollarcity.com/>) – An animated game for elementary students to teach and reinforce saving, spending, and sharing financial literacy lessons in an underwater setting

2) Schoolhouse Rock – Money (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpplQEL46o8&list=PLPtmBrf052QctPzDesC8lqcTeHQNvM4DI>) – From the classic series of Schoolhouse Rock videos, this is a list of all 8 videos available on YouTube

3) Warren Buffett’s Secret Millionaires’ Club (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf88EBmtZuBFOifL0i5DFw>) – Animated elementary videos based on PFL lessons from one of the most famous investors in the world

4) United States Mint – H.I.P. Pocket Change Kids Site (<https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids/games>) – Games and activities related to money and the uses of money

5) CashvilleKids (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNAhlvbQ828APhnYVJqsbGSEhvPZtmEaJ>) – Animated elementary videos on financial literacy lessons based around 4 friends in a band and their money issues

6) Financial Fables from the Fed (<https://www.kansascityfed.org/education/fables>) - Entertaining stories that combine reading, economics and personal finance into life lessons that feature "money morals."

7) Sesame Workshop’s Financial Education Initiative (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrsWh7Bo97A&list=PLcgmtnS6nQSvcFQ9wUxnHyKlYYnUtjcqe>) – A short list of videos with financial expert Beth Kobliner and Sesame Street characters going over K-2 PFL standards