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Welcome to the Understanding Taxes Teacher Site

Does teaching about taxes seem as intimidating as completing your yearly tax forms? Don't worry! Understanding Taxes can be customized to fit your own personal teaching style. You have the freedom to choose which activities and methods of instruction work best to meet the needs of your students.

Teaching taxes can take a traditional approach as students complete downloaded worksheets, classroom activities, and assessment pages. Or, students can complete work online and take part in interactive activities and simulations.

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Custom Resource List Looking for a way to customize **Understanding Taxes** to meet your specific classroom needs? Try creating a Custom Resource List that allows you to save lesson plans and their links for later online access.



Lesson Plans **Understanding Taxes** offers 38 lesson plans. Detailed lesson plans guide your instruction from the introduction of a given tax concept, through its development, to the lesson conclusion. Each lesson plan serves as an instructional guide on how to incorporate tax theory, history, and application into your classroom.

This also gives you the freedom to choose lesson content and activities to use in the classroom.



Educational Standards How does **Understanding Taxes** support instruction in the classroom? There are links to state and national standards in each lesson.



Downloads Each lesson includes downloadable components which can be downloaded individually or as a complete lesson pack. Downloads are in PDF format, with the exception of a series of PowerPoint™ presentations.

Tax Forms for Classroom Use [Order tax forms](#) free from the IRS for your classroom.



Confused about tax terms and forms? Interested in learning more about the basic concepts behind taxes? **Understanding Taxes** can take the mystery out of taxes. The Hows of Taxes includes 14 self-paced modules, offering a step-by-step approach to tax preparation.



Investigate the theory and history behind America's tax system. Who were the key players instrumental in the development of this system? What is the rationale supporting existing and past tax legislation? How can you affect your tax situation? Whatever your interest, there's something for everyone in the 24 student lessons.



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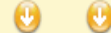
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Activities Balance the national budget, take virtual field trips, discover how your tax dollars are spent, and lobby for a cause you choose from a variety of interactive tax activities.



Tax Tutorials Who qualifies as a dependent? What is an exemption? How do you report interest from a Form 1099? These 14 tax tutorials will guide you through the basics of tax preparation, giving you the background you need to electronically file your tax return.



Simulations Apply what you've learned by putting yourself in the shoes of 20 different taxpayers while you explore the ins and outs of filing tax returns electronically!



Assessments Evaluate your comprehension by testing your knowledge. These assessments will provide you with immediate test results.

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