

## Unit 4 Investing Financial Resources

### Economics and You: Economic Indicators and the Stock Market

**Directions:** Conduct research on U.S. Stock Market crashes. Prepare a summary of your findings. Cite your sources. Use the following questions to guide you in your research and presentation.

#### A. Definition of Stock Market Crash

1. What is a stock market crash?

#### B. Stock Market Crash of 1929

1. What factors lead to the 1929 Stock Market crash?
2. What was the aftermath of the 1929 Stock Market crash?

#### C. Stock Market Crash of 1987

1. By what percentage points did the Dow Jones Industrial Average decline from October 14 to October 19, 1987?
2. What was the 1987 Stock Market's affect other stock markets around the world?
3. What was practice was introduced after the 1987 Stock Market crash to prevent future occurrences?

#### D. Stock Market Crash of 2008

1. What economic factors caused the stock market crash in 2008?
2. What effect did the U.S.'s stock market crash have on other country's stock markets?

#### E. Current Stock Market & Economy

1. Analyze the current economic situation to determine its affect on the current United States Stock Market? Have stock prices been falling or rising and what has been causing any changes?
2. Knowing what you know about stock market crashes, do you think the United States is headed for another stock market crash? Explain your rationale.

**Directions** Use the following rubric to evaluate your project.

**Self-Evaluation Guidelines**

<b>Exemplary (8-10 points)</b>	<b>Satisfactory (7-4 points)</b>	<b>Poor (3-0 points)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all of the required content elements</li> <li>• Very well organized</li> <li>• All details provided</li> <li>• No grammatical errors</li> <li>• Neatly keyed or handwritten</li> <li>• Creatively designed and executed presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes some of the required content elements</li> <li>• Well organized</li> <li>• Many general details provided</li> <li>• Few grammatical errors</li> <li>• Neatly keyed or handwritten</li> <li>• Somewhat creative presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes few or none of the required content elements</li> <li>• Disorganized</li> <li>• Few or no details provided</li> <li>• Many grammatical errors</li> <li>• Typos or illegible handwriting</li> <li>• Basic presentation with little or no creativity</li> </ul>

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Exemplary (10-8 points)</b>	<b>Satisfactory (7-4 points)</b>	<b>Poor (3-0 points)</b>	<b>Student Score</b>	<b>Teacher Score</b>
<b>Content</b>					
Explained the 1929 Stock Market Crash					
Explained the 1987 Stock Market Crash					
Explained the 2008 Stock Market Crash					
Understood the causes and effects of crashes					
Analysis of the current U.S. economy and stock market					
Provided rationale for predictions					
<b>Mechanics</b>					
Logical organization and continuity					
Level of detail					
Speaking and listening skills					
Neatness, legibility, spelling, and grammar					
<b>Total</b>					