

# TWO YEARS IN HISTORY

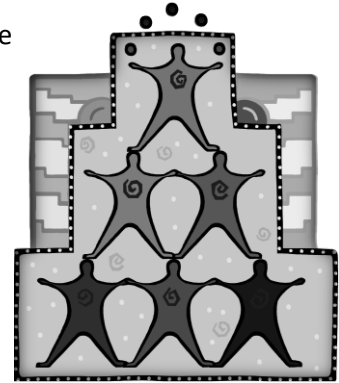
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You have been assigned two years in the past century or so – one date will be more recent and the other will be longer ago (see years below). Your task will be to thoroughly research the U.S. economy during those two years.

You will compare and contrast the U.S. economy during the two years you are assigned in a **8 slide PowerPoint**. Make the project both interesting and informative. Proof read your information and run spell check. Your PowerPoint is due by the end of the day TODAY.

Things you may explore include:

- ☞ What major events occurred during these years that might have affected the economy? Who was president? What were the major news headlines?
- ☞ How was the economy during those years – think GDP, Inflation, Unemployment; were we in a recession or was the economy booming? Where were we in the business cycle?
- ☞ What were some of the prices for everyday items during these two years (you may want to compare to today's prices, too)? What is responsible for any changes in these prices between then and now?
- ☞ What types of products and services were people buying? What were the “must have” items of the day? Who were the biggest companies in those years?
- ☞ What was our trade policy like? Who were we trading with? What international events were influencing our economy? Were we at war?
- ☞ Choose an event from each year, and discuss how that event affected supply and demand for certain products in our economy. What other impacts did these events have on our country?
- ☞ Are there any interesting facts about money and the banking system during these two years (especially the older year)? At the very least, a dollar could probably buy a lot more back then. Give some examples.
- ☞ What other facts and figures would help people to understand what life was like during these years? What was the “average family” like? What was the U.S. Population?



You may use whatever sources you deem appropriate. However, you should use at least THREE separate sources. You must present this information **in your own words** or use properly documented quotations from your sources. You will receive a zero on the assignment for plagiarized work. You are encouraged to include appropriate pictures in your visual aids to illustrate economic life during your assigned years. Suggested site include:

[www.spiritus-temporis.com](http://www.spiritus-temporis.com)  
[www.thepeoplehistory.com](http://www.thepeoplehistory.com)  
[www.factmonster.com/year](http://www.factmonster.com/year)  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>  
[www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

*Year 1*



*Year 2*