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Teaching the News

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Use these current events to teach the news in your classroom. Following each article you'll find several related resources from [EconEdLink.org](#) for teaching the underlying economics and personal finance concepts.

The other foreclosure crisis: Losing a home for \$400 in back taxes

People are losing their homes over unpaid tax bills that, in some cases, add up to just a few hundred dollars.

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This Day in History

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The [Calendar of Historical Events](#) provides 365 days worth of historical facts and interesting developments in personal finance and economics. See what happened on this day in history, and use the related lessons in your classroom.

July 16, 1998

Caught Red Handed

On this day in 1998 Health Care Services Corporation agreed to pay \$140 million to the United States government for eight different counts of trying to defraud the government. The company tried to block government attempts to audit their records and shredded and mishandled claims to try and manipulate and obscure the evidence. Along with the fine the company was forced to sign a strict corporate integrity agreement and is constantly under the eye of the government.

July 23, 1964

War On Poverty

On this day in 1964 U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson began watching over the passage of a landmark civil rights bill, and Johnson also marshaled the government's forces in a so-called "War on Poverty." Towards the end of the "War on Poverty", he intended to utilize federal funds to train indigent Americans and offer them financial aid.

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Annual Conference, October 5-6

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[Registration is open](#) for the 51st Annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference! This year's conference is October 5-6 in Kansas City, MO. Join us for a nationwide annual gathering of educators including K-12 teachers, college and university professors and Federal Reserve partners.

Who should attend?

- K-12 teachers in Social Studies, Economics, Mathematics, Business and Entrepreneurship
- Curriculum Developers, Superintendents, Principals and Assistant Principals
- All educators working in the fields of financial literacy and/or economic education

Why you should join us in Kansas City:

- Learn about the latest in curriculum development, teaching strategies, new programs and best practices.
- Get introduced to new products and lesson plans, including the revised Advanced Placement Economics curriculum, the Personal Finance Standards, and *Learning, Earning and Investing for a New Generation*.
- Network with colleagues from across the country. Share tips, tricks and resources with attendees you see every year – or meet someone new!
- Attend professional development workshops and sessions, such as:
 - Teaching the Common Core
 - Using CEE's online game Gen i Revolution with students
 - Personal finance concepts in the elementary, middle and high school classrooms

Free Professional Development Opportunities

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Comprised of teachers from around the world, the Global Association of Teachers of Economics is the one-stop resource for teachers with a zeal for economic, personal finance and entrepreneurship education.



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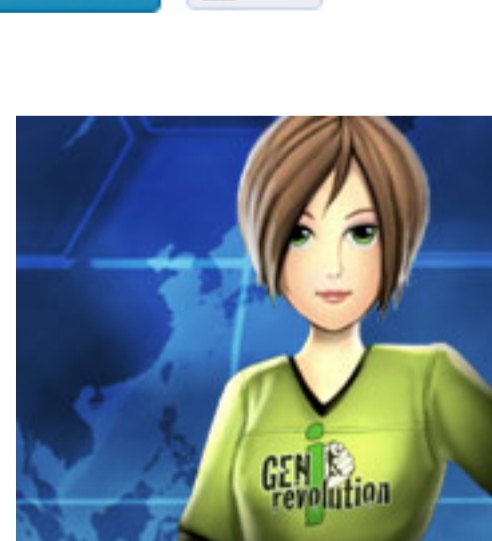
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Join Gen i Revolution

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Can you save the world from financial disaster? [Join](#) the thousands of teachers and students who have played Gen i Revolution.

Gen i Revolution is a free online game for middle school and high school students to learn important personal finance skills as they play and compete against fellow classmates. Students learn about investing and key finance concepts by battling the "Murktide" and saving the world from financial confusion in 15 interactive missions. Each mission takes about 30 minutes to complete, making it an excellent activity in the classroom or as a homework assignment.



CEE on The Balancing Act

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It's important that our kids know and understand how finance works to help them make responsible choices when they grow up and become participants in the global economy. CEE's President and CEO Nan J. Morrison talks to Danielle Knox on The Balancing Act on Lifetime Television about the importance of economic and financial literacy in the K-12 classroom, CEE's [Financial Fitness for Life](#) program, [Playful Economics](#) for young learners, and the roles played by parents and teachers in raising financially literate children in today's economy.

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