

Group Lesson
1-2 class periods

A People's Guide to the Federal Budget
Chapter 4

Debate on Keynesian vs. Supply Side Economics

Objective:

Students will be able to discuss two different economic theories and apply them to contemporary issues

Description:

1. Break the class up into two groups.
2. One group should spend time researching Keynesian economic theory, using NPP's *A People's Guide to the Federal Budget* and other sources.
3. The other group should research Supply Side theory using NPP's *A People's Guide to the Federal Budget* and other sources.
4. Spend one class period debating the topic.
 - ⤴ Have each group give a presentation to teach their respective economic theory.
 - ⤴ Include questions to prompt debate.
 - ⤴ Encourage students to challenge the statements/presentation of the opposing group.
5. Develop economic scenarios and/or social/political crises and discuss how each group would interpret the scenario and/or solve the crisis.