

# Learning with the Bank of Canada Museum



Happy Financial Literacy Month! While the Museum remains closed, we have some exciting new lesson plans and resources to share with you. Our popular school program Trading Planets is now available online. This role-playing game between Earthlings and aliens comes with all the materials you'll need to teach your students about trade and a common currency.

We've also launched the first of a series of worksheets and activities connecting bank notes with math curricula for grades 1–4. Aligned with the new Ontario math curriculum outcomes, these are a great resource to teach your students about Canada's bank notes, coins and payment systems.

If you're new to our newsletter, we've made it easier for you to search all our activities and lesson plans by grade level. We'll be releasing more lesson plans and activities online over the coming months. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay tuned!



## For your classroom

[Trading Planets online](#)

*Grades 4–8; Elementary Cycle Two and Three and Secondary I to III*

Travel to planet Plutopia on a trade mission with your students. Once there, you will see that trading goods without a common currency poses some serious problems. Trading Planets uses interactive, game-based learning to teach about trade, currency, and supply and demand.

## **You are the economy**

*Grades 5–12; Elementary Cycle Three and Secondary I to V*

The Canadian economy is deeply interconnected, and this animated video explores your part in it. Your decisions about what to buy—from apples to houses—help shape the economy, which in turn helps shape all of us. And the Bank of Canada’s role is to keep an eye on it all while giving you the confidence that your money will hold its value.

## **Understanding money: bank notes and coins**

*Grades K–2; Elementary Cycle One*

Use our play money, FAQs and colouring worksheet to introduce Canadian money and the math of simple transactions to your students. Explore the value of different denominations of bank notes and coins, all while using them to help tell the stories of Canada. These activities align with the new math curriculum for Grade 1 in Ontario.

## **Teaching economics during the COVID-19 pandemic**

*Grades 7–12; Secondary II-V*

We’ve curated some resources to help you and your students explore the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Use our suggested videos, articles and data visualizations to help create authentic teachable moments with your students and help them connect to the economic recovery.

## **Banknoteable reflections**

*Professional Development*

Join us on Wednesday, November 25 for a virtual presentation about how public engagement helps the Bank of Canada create new bank notes that reflect Canada and can be used with confidence and pride.



## From the Bank of Canada

### [Speaker request](#)

Bank staff are available to talk to your classroom about the role of the Bank in the economy, the variety of careers in economics and finance, and even their own paths in these fields. To learn more or to request a speaker, [send us an email](#).

### [Under the microscope \(monetary policy\)](#)

Curious about what inflation targeting of 2 percent really means? Learn more with this overview of inflation targeting and other approaches the Bank is pursuing as part of its review of its monetary policy framework.

### [Large-scale asset purchases \(COVID-19 response\)](#)

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bank of Canada has supported Canadians through large-scale asset purchases—buying substantial amounts of government bonds and other financial assets. Learn more about how this practice helps markets to increase economic growth.

### [Learning and earning](#)

We often hear that school days are the best days of our lives. But do all these years of education pay?

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