

Explore the interactive exhibits in each of the five zones of the Economy Museum at the St. Louis Fed to answer the following questions:

Zone 1: The Eighth District Comes Alive

- What does the Federal Reserve System do? Circle all that are correct.
 - Prevents panics and provides stability to the banking system
 - Conducts monetary policy
 - Acts as the “banker’s bank,” providing currency and services to commercial banks
 - Serves as the fiscal agent for the U.S. government
 - Processes government checks
 - Conducts government securities auctions
- How many Federal Reserve banks are there in the United States? _____

Zone 2: How People Make Decisions

- How do choices make a difference in future earnings? _____

- Why can’t anyone have it all? _____

Zone 3: How People Interact

- Why do people trade? _____

- Play the “Trading Pit” game. Were you a buyer or seller? Did you make or lose money? Mark the appropriate choices:

I was the buyer seller, and I won lost money

Zone 4: The Connections Theater

Watch the videos in Connections Theater.

- List interesting facts you learned. _____

- Why were these facts interesting to you? _____

Zone 5: You and the Economy

- Look at “The Earth at Night” graphic. Rather than measuring economic output by the number of lights on at night, what measure do economists use to determine economic output? _____

- Go to the “Where Do You Fit in the Labor Force?” display. Pick an age range and a gender. Then, click on the different levels of education, starting with “No Degree.” What relationship do you see between levels of education and unemployment? _____

- What type of currency system has the United States had since leaving the gold standard? _____

Conclusions

- What do you picture yourself doing for a living when you grow up?

- What skills will you need to get there?



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