

## Wikia in Secondary Education

### Government

#### Grades 9-12

Objective	To research the current deficit in our economy and research Barack Obama's plans to fix the deficit; to work collectively as a class to create a mock plan in which the class as a whole feels would be beneficial for the helping the condition of the economy
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One computer per student</li><li>• Register for a wiki page on Wikia</li><li>• A few printed documents with background information from the teacher to get the students started</li><li>• Paper</li><li>• Pen/Pencil</li></ul>
Note to teacher	Create a wiki website through Wikia for the classroom to use. Have your students post information and ideas for the class. Also have them brainstorm through a blog on the wiki.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have the students research and collect data, facts, and current issues going on with the deficit in the economy.</li><li>2. Have the students upload their information on a blog</li><li>3. Upon completion of research, show the students how to access the Wikia website and demonstrate how to post information on the wiki.</li><li>4. Have the students individually post their information they have obtained.</li><li>5. Have the students read over each other's information and brainstorm, through a blog, on ideas of how they could help fix the deficit.</li><li>6. As a class, read over ideas and piece together one plan and present it formally on the Wikia.</li></ol>
Evaluation	<p>Evaluation will take place through the whole process. Take a completion grade for the research, a completion grade for posting an idea, and participation grades for coming up with a plan of action as a class.</p> <p><b>**Final grade will not be based on how well the plan could work, but on the process of using Wikia and working together as a class. The final plan should, however, be realistic.</b></p>

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