### 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** | • One computer per student  
• Register for a wiki page on Wikia  
• A few printed documents with background information from the teacher to get the students started  
• Paper  
• Pen/Pencil |
| **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** | 1. Have the students research and collect data, facts, and current issues going on with the deficit in the economy.  
2. Have the students upload their information on a blog  
3. Upon completion of research, show the students how to access the Wikia website and demonstrate how to post information on the wiki.  
4. Have the students individually post their information they have obtained.  
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.  
6. As a class, read over ideas and piece together one plan and present it formally on the Wikia. |
| **Evaluation** | 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.  

**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.** |

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