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Economic Security in My Community

Project Purpose: Assess the economic security of your community

Resources: Utilize community Web sites and publications to learn about the major industries in your area and to find statistics about employment, housing, health care, trade, and other economic indicators. If possible, communicate with city leaders (council members, Economic Development Council, city hall officials, etc.) via email or phone to get more specific answers to the questions below.

Key Questions: Below are several important questions that could help you determine the economic security. Use the spaces below these questions to formulate additional questions of your own. Your teacher may elect to do this as a classroom activity.

- What are the major types of industry in your community?
- Who are the major employers in your community?
- What types of companies have headquarters or large offices in your community?
- What is the population of your community?
- What is the current unemployment rate in your community?
- What is the housing market like in your community?
- When you look at the types of jobs available in your community, are they mostly blue collar, white collar, part-time, full-time, with or without benefits packages, etc.
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Facts: Utilize facts from the *NewsHour* segments you used along with statistics you have gathered while researching the questions above and list them on a separate sheet of paper. These will be used for creating your presentation.

The Presentation: Using what you have learned from your viewing and research, draw conclusions about the economic security of your community and record them below. Create a poster that represents your findings and conclusions. Include pictures, charts and graphs, statistics, quotes, or other information that supports your ideas. Your poster should be high quality and easy to read. Be sure you include a title and label all components clearly.

Conclusions about my community's economic security

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