

Economics lesson plans for 5/10/10 – 5/14/10

Monday 5/10/10

1. Why is a price floor set above equilibrium price rather than below it?
2. Why might the minimum wage decrease the supply of low-wage jobs?
3. How is rationing different from the market in the way it allocates goods and services?
4. During World War II, the US Govt mandated that automobile factories stop making cars and start making tanks and planes. Why would the gov't use the form of rationing?
5. Read pages 186 – 187 and do questions on page 187
6. Do chapter review on pages 188 – 189 and ready for a test on Tuesday

Tuesday 5/11/10

Chapter 6 test

Read pages 190 – 197 and answer questions on page 197

Wednesday 5/12/10

Warm-up: Would consumers or producers prefer to have a highly competitive market?

Activities:

1. How is the market price in a perfectly competitive market related to the equilibrium price?
2. Why is perfect competition considered the ideal model of a market economy?
3. Why are well-informed buyers and sellers important for perfect competition?
4. What motivates producers to enter or exit a perfectly competitive market?
5. Why are corn farmers and cattle ranchers price takers?
6. Why would corn growers and cattle ranchers want to increase demand for their product?
7. Look at the graph on page 196. How does the graph show the stages of production?
8. How is marginal revenue related to price per unit in a perfectly competitive market?
9. Read pages 198 – 205

Thursday 5/13/10

Warm-up: List situations when you have had no close substitutes for a good or service that you may want to buy.

Activities:

1. How is the concept of elasticity of demand related to monopolist as price makers?
2. Which characteristic of perfect competition is affected by barriers to entry?
3. Compare a natural monopoly to a geographic monopoly.
4. How does new technology limit many kinds of monopolies?
5. What are the costs and benefits of using each type of mail service on page 202?
6. Marshal McLuhan said, "The medium is the message." What is the difference in the message sent by a hand-written thank-you note compared to e-mail?
7. How do supply and demand affect the price that a monopolist can charge?

8. How do patents help drug manufacturers maximize their profits?
9. Read pages 206 -213 and do questions on page 213

Friday 5/14/10

Play Monopoly

Who had a monopoly at the end of you game? Why did they gain the advantage?

What kind of monopoly is it?