Laarman Lesson Plan

Class: US History Unit: Economy Standards: B.12.1

Topic: The Present Economy Date: 1/9/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Progress and the American Dream PowerPoint |
| **Procedure** | 1. Discuss President Obama’s positions and the current state of the economy (slides 136-138) 2. Focus on the issues: trade    1. Scenes from [*Commanding Heights* Episode 3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSGAJTJzgLA)       1. 10:10-14:11: the debate over NAFTA       2. 1:18:38: Benefits of trade less obvious than pitfalls       3. 1:49:00-1:49:50 (Bill Clinton)       4. 1:51:15-1:51:37 (George W. Bush)       5. 1:53:30-1:54:57 (Daniel Yergin)    2. [Obama on trade](http://video.cnbc.com/gallery/?video=3000377859) (skip introductory joking)    3. [Obama: Free trade has to be fair trade](http://video.cnbc.com/gallery/?video=3000530288)    4. [Trump on trade](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gepaJum69CI) 3. Discussion: there was a brief era of free trade prior to WWI. Are we in the midst of the end of the current free trade era? (Brexit, Trump, the rise of anti-trade parties in Europe) 4. [Is trade good for American workers](http://www.npr.org/2016/03/10/469972580/presidential-candidates-back-away-from-supporting-free-trade)? (final question only) 5. Discussion: the impact of trade. Who is hurt and who benefits? |
| **Closure** | Small-group discussion: are you in favor of trade? |

Topic: Paper Prep Date: 1/10/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Laptops |
| **Procedure** | 1. Student groups discuss the learning from the unit and fill in any gaps in their understanding 2. Large group discussion: questions on any of the items discussed, subsidies 3. Students access their first papers, identify areas they are going to improve this time around. |

Topic: Paper Prep Date: 1/11/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Laptops |
| **Procedure** | Students have the period to work on their papers. |

Topic: Inequality in America Date: 1/12/17

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| **Anticipatory Set**  **-connection, motivation, relevance** | Slides from PowerPoint: anger over the Great Recession and the continued success of the bankers. |
| **Procedure** | 1. Focus on the issues: income inequality    1. Slides 139-153    2. Begin documentary [*Park Avenue*: *Money, Power, and the American Dream*](http://video.pbs.org/video/2296684923/) |

Topic: Inequality in America Date: 1/13/17

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| **Procedure** | Complete documentary |