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National Standards Met in Chapter 1

Responsibility and Decision Making: Apply reliable information and systematic decision making to personal financial decisions.

- **Standard 1:** Take responsibility for personal financial decisions.
- Standard 4: Make financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences.
- **Standard 5:** Develop communication strategies for discussing financial issues.

STANDARD Credit and Debt: Maintain creditworthiness, borrow at

favorable terms, and manage debt.

• **Standard 1:** Identify the costs and benefits of various types of credit.

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Lesson Plan [1/2]

Chapter Overview

This chapter introduces the topic of personal finance, explores the evolution of the American credit industry, and highlights the importance of both knowledge and behavior when it comes to managing money.

Getting Started

- » Administer pre-test.
- » Show Getting Started video located on the Unit 1 disc.
- » Complete **BEFORE YOU BEGIN** prior to watching the video.
- » Review **KEY TERMS**.
- » Complete the "Before" column of MEASURE YOUR PROGRESS.

Video Topic Activity

Getting Started Video	Course Overview	Clay's Candy Bar Madness
		Course Pre-Test
		Before You Begin
		Parent Interview
Video 1.1: 13 minutes	What Is Personal Finance?	Fill-ins and journal question
Video 2.1: 15 minutes	Money, the American Way	History of Credit in America
		Fill-ins and journal question
Video 3.1: 14 minutes	You and Money	What Is Personal Finance?
		Fill-ins and journal question

Chapter Summary

Student Text

- **» CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING**
- **» BUILD ON WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED**
- » BIG IDEAS
- **» TAKE ACTION CHALLENGE**
- » MONEY IN REVIEW

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- » Live From Financial Peace Plaza
- » Budget Builder
- » Your Money Personality Survey

Summative Assessment

» Test

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Key Terms

Consumer: A person or organization that uses a product or service

Credit: The granting of a loan and the creation of debt; any form of deferred payment

Debt: An obligation of repayment owed by one party (the debtor/borrower) to a second party (the creditor/lender); in most cases this includes repayment of the original loan amount plus interest

Economy: A system by which goods and services are produced and distributed

Financial literacy: The knowledge and skillset necessary to be an informed consumer and manage finances effectively

Interest: A fee paid by a borrower to the lender for the use of borrowed money; typically interest is calculated as a percentage of the principal (original loan amount)

Loan: A debt evidenced by a "note," which specifies the principal amount, interest rate and date of repayment

Personal finance: All of the decisions and activities of an individual or a family regarding their money, including spending, saving, budgeting, etc.

Lesson Plan (2/2)

Learning Outcomes

Section 1: What Is Personal Finance?

- \square Describe what personal finance is.
- Outline the components of effective financial planning.
- □ Identify focuses of study throughout this course.

Section 2: Money, the American Way

- ☐ Understand the evolution of America's dependence on credit.
- □ Observe and analyze the "normal" American family as it relates to personal finance.

Section 3: You and Money

- ☐ Develop communication strategies for managing money and discussing financial issues.
- □ Evaluate your own money personality; identify your money strengths and weaknesses.

Discussion Questions

- ① What would you most like to learn about managing money? Answers will vary.
- **2** What do you think is the biggest struggle when it comes to managing money? *Answers will vary.*
- 3 What is one thing you learned about the American credit industry? *Answers will vary.*
- 4 Why do you think Dave Ramsey is so passionate about teaching people how to manage money? *Answers will vary*.
- **5** What does winning with money look like? *Answers will vary.*