# FINANCIAL LITERACY

**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION** 



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## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to...

- 1. Describe what \_\_\_\_\_ is
- 2. Describe why it is important to learn about money and the American way
- 3. Develop strategies to help \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ money and financial issues

#### **KEY CONCEPTS**

- ▶ **Personal finance:** All of the decisions and activities of an individual or family regarding their money, including spending, saving, budgeting, etc.
- Credit: The granting of a loan and the creation of debt; any form of deferred payment
- ► Financial literacy: The knowledge and skillset necessary to be an informed consumer and manage finances effectively

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## WHAT IS PERSONAL FINANCE?



#### PERSONAL FINANCE

What is personal finance?

Personal finance refers to all the \_\_\_\_\_
 decisions an individual or family must make
 in order to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and spend
 money over time.

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#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING?

- 1. What is your income going to be?
- 2. What are your money goals?
- 3. How can you plan to reach these goals?
- 4. How can you stay on top of your plan?

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# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO LEARN ABOUT MONEY?

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#### **MONEY AND THE "NORMAL AMERICAN FAMILY"**

# Average Credit Card Debt (of households with credit card debt) Average Mortgage Debt Average Student Loan Debt \$12,799 \$149,667 \$32,559 Average Car Loan Debt

#### **HOW DO PEOPLE END UP IN DEBT?**

- People like to \_\_\_\_\_ things
- Being debt is \_\_\_\_\_
- We are taught that we can buy happiness.
  - ▶ Is this true?
- Debt keeps people from \_\_\_\_\_ money because we are constantly giving our money away to pay for things we bought
- In America, marketing ads that push people to buy things

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# WHY IS BEING "MONEY SMART" IMPORTANT?



#### **BECOMING "MONEY SMART"**

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- Need to know important terms
- Need to decide \_\_\_\_\_ your money will go

Being money

- understand
- understand the \_\_\_\_\_ and how money works
- · commit to achieving your financial goals

How you view money

- How do you view money?
- · What is your money personality?

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#### **IMPORTANT TERMS**

- **Consumer:** A person or organization that uses a product or service
- **Debt:** An obligation of repayment owed by one party (the debtor/borrower) to a second party (the creditor/lender)
- **Economy:** A system by which goods and services are produced and distributed
- 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 decisions regarding money, including spending, saving, budgeting, etc.

#### **MONEY PERSONALITY**

- **Frustration**: Many teens expressed negative emotions about money: \_\_\_\_\_\_ frustration, \_\_\_\_\_, distrust, and even hatred.
- Role Models: You are watching how parents/caregivers \_\_\_\_ money.
   Pragmatic: Personal savings, budgeting experience.
- **Money Isn't Everything**: Money is \_\_\_\_\_. Yes, it is needed to survive, but it is not a requirement in making people happy.

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### **LEARNING CHECK**

What is personal finance?
Why is it important to learn about money?
Why is being "money smart" important?

"money is 80% behavior and 20% head knowledge. What to do isn't the problem; doing it is...

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