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II. Spending

Spending 12-1 A budget helps people achieve their financial goals by allocating income to necessary and desired spending, saving, and philanthropy.		●	●											
12-1a. Identify their short-term and long-term financial goals.		●	●											●
12-1b. Develop a budget to allocate current income to necessary and desired spending, including estimates for both fixed and variable expenses.		●	●											
12-1c. Explain methods for adjusting a budget for unexpected expenses or emergencies.		●	●											
12-1d. Evaluate the advantages of using budgeting tools, such as spreadsheets or apps.		●												
Spending 12- 2 Consumer decisions are influenced by the price of products or services, the price of alternatives, the consumer’s budget and preferences, and potential impact on the environment, society, and economy.		●	●				●							
12-2a. Select a product or service and describe the various factors that may influence a consumer’s purchase decision.			●				●							
12-2b. Describe a process for making an informed consumer decision.			●				●							
12-2c. List the positive and negative effects of a recent consumer decision on the environment, society, and the economy.														
Spending 12-5 Consumers incur costs and realize benefits when searching for information related to the purchase of goods and services.							●							
12-5a. Explain how pre-purchase research encourages consumers to avoid impulse buying.							●							
12-5b. Brainstorm consumer research strategies and resources to use when making purchase decisions.			●				●							
12-5c. Analyze social media marketing and advertising techniques designed to encourage spending.														
Spending 12-6 Housing decisions depend on individual preferences, circumstances, and costs, and can impact personal satisfaction and financial well-being.							●							
12-6a. Identify financial and personal reasons that younger adults often choose to rent a home instead of buying.							●							

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Saving 12-5 Government agencies such as the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, and the NCUA, along with their counterparts in state government, supervise and regulate financial institutions to improve financial solvency, legal compliance, and consumer protection.											
12-5a. Investigate the areas of financial institution operations that are subject to state and/or federal regulation and supervision.											
12-5b. Identify the state agency responsible for regulating financial institutions where they live.											
12-5c. Explain the importance of solvency regulation for financial institutions.											
Saving 12-6 Tax policies that allow people to save pretax earnings or to reduce or defer taxes on interest earned provide incentives for people to save.											
12-6a. Explain how traditional IRAs (individual retirement accounts), Roth IRAs, and education savings accounts provide incentives for people to save.											
12-6b. Compare the tax advantages of traditional and Roth IRAs.											
12-6c. Compare the tax advantages of different types of education savings accounts.											
Saving 12-7 Employer defined contribution retirement plans and health savings accounts can provide incentives for employees to save.											
12-7a. Explain how an employer match of employee contributions to its retirement plan provides an incentive for employees to save.											
12-7b. Compare the impact of employee “opt in” versus “opt out” of employer retirement plans and explain why it makes a difference.											
12-7c. Describe the pros and cons of saving through an employer retirement plan as compared to saving outside of an employer plan.											
12-7d. Explain the benefits of saving money in a health savings account for individuals with high-deductible health plans.											
Saving 12-8 People can reduce the potential for future financial strife with a partner or spouse by sharing personal financial information, goals, and values prior to combining finances.		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●
12-8a. Assess the value of sharing financial goals and personal financial information with a partner before combining finances.		●	●	●	●	●				●	●
12-8b. Discuss how personal financial decisions can affect other people.	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●

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Credit 12-5 Federal student loans have lower rates and more favorable repayment terms than private student loans and may be subsidized.				●							
12-5a. Compare federal and private student loans based on interest rates, repayment rules, and other characteristics.											
12-5b. Describe the process of applying for a student loan.											
12-5c. Estimate total interest on various student loans based on interest rates and repayment plans of student loans.											
12-5d. Predict the potential consequences of deferred payment.											
Credit 12-6 Down payments reduce the amount needed to borrow.											
12-6a. Identify examples of loans that may require down payments.											
12-6b. Given the price of a home, estimate the amount of down payment required.											
12-6c. For a specified loan amount, compare the monthly loan payment with a 10% down payment versus a 20% down payment.											
12-6d. Explain how a down payment makes a borrower more attractive to a lender and motivates loan repayment by the borrower.											
Credit 12-7 Lenders assess creditworthiness of potential borrowers by consulting credit reports compiled by credit bureaus.				●	●				●		
12-7a. Identify the primary organizations that maintain and provide consumer credit reports.					●				●		
12-7b. Assess the value to a potential lender of the information contained in a credit report.				●							
12-7c. Explain how a person can get a free copy of their credit report and why this is advisable.					●				●		
12-7d. Outline the process of disputing inaccurate credit report information.					●						
Credit 12-8 A credit score is a numeric rating that assesses a person's credit risk based on information in their credit report.				●					●		
12-8a. Identify the main factors that are included in credit score calculations.				●							
12-8b. Explain how a borrower's credit score can impact their cost of credit and their ability to get credit.				●							
12-8c. Recommend ways that a person can increase their credit score.					●						

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Credit 12-9 Credit reports and credit scores may be requested and used by entities other than lenders.				●							
12-9a. Explain how landlords, potential employers, and insurance companies use credit reports and credit scores in decision-making.				●							
12-9b. Provide examples of benefits associated with having a good credit score.				●							
12-9c. Compare the effect of soft versus hard credit inquiries on a person's credit score.											
Credit 12-10 Borrowers who face negative consequences because they are unable to repay their debts may be able to seek debt management assistance.									●	●	
12-10a. Describe how failing to repay a loan can negatively impact a person's finances and life.									●	●	
12-10b. Identify sources of assistance with debt management.										●	
12-10c. Create a plan for a person who is having difficulty repaying debt.											
12-10d. Compare the costs and benefits associated with for-profit versus non-profit credit counseling services.										●	
Credit 12-11 In extreme cases, bankruptcy may be an option for people who are unable to repay their debts.										●	
12-11a. Describe the purpose of bankruptcy laws.										●	
12-11b. Investigate the effects of bankruptcy on assets, employment, and future access to credit.										●	
12-11c. Compare the results of liquidation versus reorganization bankruptcy.										●	
Credit 12-12 Consumer credit protection laws govern disclosure of credit terms, discrimination in borrowing, and debt collection practices.					●				●		
12-12a. Explain the rationale behind laws that require people to have access to full information about credit cards and loans before they borrow money.									●		
12-12b. Discuss the importance of protecting borrowers from discrimination and abusive marketing or collection practices.											
12-12c. Research where to find credible sources of up-to-date information on credit rights and responsibilities.										●	

