

## **The Economy**

You can work individually, with a partner or with a team on this project.

The economy is important to everyone. If there are many jobs, people have more opportunities. The candidates for President have proposed programs to improve the economy. Figure out how well those programs might work for just one part of the economy. To do that, get to know that one part of the economy.

Choose a sector of the economy. A sector is a part. The economy includes many parts, such as transportation, education, health, communications. Choose a sector you would like to work in some time in the future.

### **Research and Report**

Research your sector through newspaper and history books. Look for answers to these questions. Make notes to list the facts you find.

1. What important changes have taken place in this sector in the past?
2. What kinds of jobs are available in this sector today?
3. What kinds of changes are taking place in this sector today?

You'll find answers in the business section of the newspaper. You'll find answers in advertisements, too. For example, what kinds of jobs for that sector are listed in want ads?

### **Discussion Points**

- What kinds of jobs are part of your sector?
- How important is your sector to other parts of the economy?

### **Think It Through**

What's next for your sector of the economy? How will it change?  
Which candidate's programs would be most helpful to your sector?

### **Get It Across**

It's the year 2030. Write about your sector of the economy. What has changed? What has stayed the same? Write your description from the position of someone working in this sector. That person could be you! Write about what's happening and how you feel about the changes that have taken place since 2012.

## ***Newspaper Connection***

You're a writer for the business section of the Newspaper. You're going to send a reporter to interview a candidate about how his programs will affect the economy in the Chicagoland area. What questions will you ask?