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Understanding Your Taxes for Teachers and Students Online lesson plans, interactive activities, simulations and more!

Are you a student who will soon join the work force? Are you confused about tax terms and forms, and how to file your tax return? Perhaps you are an educator looking for ways to integrate tax education into the high school or community college classroom.

If you answered yes to any of these questions, help is available on IRS.gov. [Understanding Taxes](#) is a site that provides high schools, community colleges and the public with:

- self-paced Internet-based, interactive modules, offering a systematic approach to tax preparation,
- lessons on the nation's history of taxation and
- lessons on the economics of taxes.



Teacher Site ➔

If you are a teacher, every *Understanding Taxes* lesson supports both national and state educational standards that make it simple to integrate into your classroom curriculum. Additionally, the IRS partnered with education professionals to produce the [Understanding Taxes Teacher site](#). Educators can take advantage of all the great educational content found in the online version, including 38 different detailed lesson plans, activities, simulations, teacher lesson plan downloads, fact sheets and more. There are also links to state and national educational standards.



Student Site ➔

If you are a student, the [Understanding Taxes Student site](#) provides activities, tax tutorials, word puzzles, tax trivia questions, simulations and assessments to help you understand the real world of taxes. Fourteen tax tutorials guide you through the basics of tax preparation including how to file your return electronically. The site also explains the how and why of taxes — how to apply tax principles, while explaining tax history and theory behind America's tax system. The site provides tax-filing simulations that deliver real-life applications by putting you in the shoes of 20 different taxpayers as you help them file their taxes electronically.

Whether you're teaching or learning about taxes, take advantage of the tools found at the Understanding Taxes website. Taxes have been a part of American history since the colonists fought for independence from Great Britain. Make it part of your history now by teaching or learning how to file an accurate and timely tax return.

Understanding Taxes website is updated with current tax information in December every year.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below is a link to a YouTube video about Understanding Taxes, and a brochure that describes the site.

IRS YouTube - [Understanding Taxes](#) - Teach your students about taxes with our online tool.

On Twitter? Send these Tweets:

- Teachers - check out a simple #IRS #teaching tool <http://go.usa.gov/CpW> on #UnderstandingTaxes #teach-taxes
- Ready-to-use #lessonplans offer free fun #taxeducation tool for teaching taxes. Check out video <http://youtu.be/9j3UeXGGmQE>
- #Teaching taxes can be easy as A-B-C <http://go.usa.gov/CpW>. #IRS has all you need to know on #understandingtaxes

Publication 2181 – a brochure about the Understanding Taxes site – *just a point and click away*