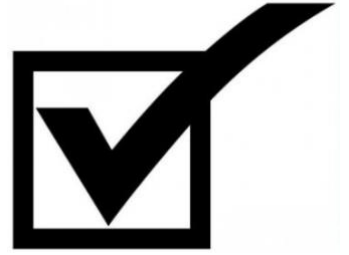




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ECONOMIC RESEARCH INDIVIDUAL (155)

REGIONAL 2023

Topic

Currently the economy in the United States is dealing with high inflation. One of the tools the Federal Reserve uses to fight inflation is raising interest rates. Historically, how effective has the practice been? Compare and contrast the current period of inflation with prior periods of high inflation in the United States.

Judging Procedure

- As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each contestant.
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- Set-up time will be no more than three (3) minutes.
- The presentation will be no more than seven (7) minutes; followed by judges' questions not to exceed five (5) minutes.
- Excuse contestants upon completion of judges' questions.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out the ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges' Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets, and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

Potential Questions for Economic Research Individual

- If you were the government, what would you do differently to help lower inflation?
- What are the possible short-term risks to the economy when raising interest rates?
- What are the possible long-term risks to the economy when raising interest rates?
- In your research, did you learn about any other government's response to high inflation? Do you feel that they handled it better or worse than the US?

Please double-check and verify all scores!

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