

High School Bahamian Economy Analysis

Lesson Duration: 3-4 weeks

Objectives:

Examine how Bahamas' economic industries developed 1670s-today in response to global events

Identify factors allowing pivot between economies over time

Assess environmental/cultural impacts economic eras had on Bahamian people

Activities:

Weeks 1-2: Small student groups research economic periods - salt raking, American Revolution blockade running, Prohibition rum running, 1980s offshore finance boom. Identify conditions prompting shifts, new foreign policies/trades allowing transitions.

Weeks 2-3: Groups analyze respective era - labor sources, rise of Nassau as hub, ecological impacts of industries, influence on Bahamian identity.

Week 4: Class presentation on findings - how political climates shaped Bahamian economy through major industries 1670s-today. Discuss lasting cultural impacts.

Assessment: Accuracy and depth of economic history presentations, participation in final discussion on key forces and cultural effects.