# TaxEDU Lesson Plan

## THREE BASIC TAX TYPES

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### Common Core Standards:

- **Enduring Understandings:** What are the big ideas?
  - **D2.Civ.6.9-12.** Critique relationships among governments, civil societies, and economic markets.
  - **D2.Eco.1.9-12.** Analyze how incentives influence choices that may result in policies with a range of costs and benefits for different groups.
  - **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.7.** Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

### Objective:

Students will discover the three basic tax types—taxes on what you earn, taxes on what you buy, and taxes on what you own. Students will understand how the taxes fit together and impact the economy.

### Essential Question(s):

- How do these taxes fit together?
- How do these taxes impact government revenues and the economy?
- Where may you encounter them in your daily life?

### Vocabulary/Key:

tax, tax bracket, individual income tax, corporate income tax, progressive tax, payroll taxes, capital gains taxes, sales taxes, gross receipts taxes, value-added taxes, excise taxes, property taxes, tangible personal property taxes, estate taxes, inheritance taxes, wealth taxes

For definitions, visit: taxfoundation.org/tax-basics#glossary

### Resources/Materials:

- TaxEDU Glossary
- Tax Policy 101: The Three Basic Tax Types
- TaxEDU videos

### Warm Up/Hook:

[Open for classroom discretion]  
Time: 5 minutes

### Mini Lesson:

Students will work in cooperative learning groups listing different taxes they know and who they believe they are levied by and on. The class will create a general list together, divided into taxes on what you earn, taxes on what you buy, and taxes on what you own.

Time: 25 minutes

### Guided Practice:

Students will read together or independently the **Three Basic Tax Types Primer**.

Time: 15 minutes

### Independent Practice:

Students will answer these questions in a written statement and, potentially, in an open discussion:

- What impact do the different tax types have on government revenues and the economy?
- Where may you encounter these taxes (directly or indirectly) in your daily life?

Time: 10 minutes

### Assessments:

Students will complete the included assessment based on the information in the Tax Policy 101: The Three Basic Tax Types Primer.

Time: 20 minutes