

ALTON TEACHER VENTURES OUT OF  
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ST. LOUIS -- Wilma Stinnett, a teacher at Alton High School, traded in her pointer for a pencil on Nov. 7, 1994, to attend *The ABCs of Global Trade*, a free economic education workshop hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, in conjunction with the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

At the workshop, Stinnett and more than 60 other Missouri and Illinois high school teachers learned the issues behind free trade and creative ways to explain them to their students.

The need for this type of economic education is clear. A 1992 Gallop Poll on American Economic Literacy found that when American high school seniors were asked questions about fundamental economics, only 35 percent could

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give correct answers. Moreover, most respondents rated their knowledge of economics as only fair or poor and overwhelmingly agreed that schools should teach more about how the economy works.

This workshop is one in a series of instructional programs sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. As part of its commitment to economic education, the St. Louis Fed provides educators, students and the public with programs and materials on economic issues and concepts, as well as the role of the Federal Reserve System.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis has branches in Little Rock, Louisville and Memphis. It serves the Eighth Federal Reserve District, which includes all of Arkansas, eastern Missouri, western Kentucky and Tennessee, southern Indiana and Illinois, and northern Mississippi.

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