

# **Channel One News**

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## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

### **Generation Money: Christmas Price Index**

- What is the Christmas Price Index and how is it calculated?
- What causes the prices of the items on the Christmas list to go up and down?
- How does the economic principle of supply and demand work?
- Why is the price of gold going up?
- What would happen if the avian flu killed most of the birds on the Christmas list?
- What is inflation?
- Why is inflation bad for the economy?
- Why do the prices of some items remain the same from year to year?
- How similar was the Christmas Price Index to the Consumer Price Index this year?
- Why did Channel One choose to air this story at this time of year?