

MADLY PRODUCTIVE PATHWAYS

Unit 1: Basic Economic Concepts

Topic 1.1: Scarcity

Teacher Lesson Plan

LO: MOD-1.A | Skill: 1.A | Portfolio: Advisor Memo 1

Aligned to the AP® Macroeconomics Course Framework (Effective Fall 2022)

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1. Topic at a Glance

Topic	1.1 — Scarcity
Unit	1: Basic Economic Concepts
Estimated Time	1 class period (45 min); MCQ set + Mini-FRQ extend as homework
Learning Objectives	MOD-1.A
Skill Focus	Skill 1.A
Advisor Portfolio	Advisor Memo 1: Identify the Republic of Meridian's scarce resources and its central economic choice.
Graph for Portfolio	— (concept visual, no graph)
Case Study	— (cases ship once per unit in the Unit 1 bonus, not per topic)
FRQ Practice	Short Free-Response — Concept & Explanation (exam Q2/Q3 format)
Teacher Prep	Print Guided Notes + Vocab Slip + Advisor Memo 1 + Exit Ticket; MCQ & Mini-FRQ as homework.

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Scarcity is a one-objective foundation topic and fits a single 45-minute period of Unit 1's ~8–10 periods. The MCQ set and Mini-FRQ are homework.

2. Materials

- **Present:** Slides; Bell Ringer
- **Student Handouts:** Guided Notes; Vocabulary Slip
- **Advisor Portfolio:** Advisor Memo 1 (the in-class application)
- **Assessment:** Exit Ticket (in class); MCQ Practice Set + Mini-FRQ (homework)

3. Learning Objective & Success Criteria

LO MOD-1.A: Define scarcity and economic resources.

By the end of the period, students can:

- Define scarcity as unlimited wants against limited resources.
- Name and give an example of each of the four economic resources.
- Distinguish scarcity from a shortage, and connect scarcity to trade-offs and opportunity cost.

4. The Period, Minute by Minute (45 min)

Time	Activity	File used
0–5	Bell Ringer: The Island Supply Drop (turn-and-talk)	Bell Ringer + slide 3

5–13	Mini-lesson: scarcity = unlimited wants vs. limited resources	Slides 4–5 + Guided Notes I
13–23	The four economic resources (land, labor, capital, entrepreneurship)	Slides 6–7 + Guided Notes II
23–30	Scarcity vs. shortage; choices, trade-offs, opportunity cost	Slides 8–9 + Guided Notes III–IV
30–40	Advisor Memo 1 (Republic of Meridian) — guided application	Advisor Memo 1 + slide 10
40–45	Exit Ticket; assign MCQ set + Mini-FRQ as homework	Exit Ticket; MCQ; Mini-FRQ

5. Block Schedule

On an 80–90 minute block, pair Topic 1.1 with Topic 1.2 (Opportunity Cost & the PPC): teach scarcity and the four resources, complete Advisor Memo 1, then move straight into building the first PPC graph. The two topics flow naturally.

6. Assessment Guidance

- **Exit Ticket** (in class, 5 min): quick scan; reteach if >25% miss either MCQ.
- **Advisor Memo 1**: the application artifact; track in each student's portfolio folder; score with the Teacher Notes rubric.
- **MCQ Set + Mini-FRQ** (homework): skill-tagged for targeted feedback. The Mini-FRQ practices the short free-response format.

7. Economic Advisor Portfolio Connection

This period launches the through-course Economic Advisor Portfolio. Advisor Memo 1 has students identify the Republic of Meridian's scarce resources and the central choice its government faces — and it doubles as the lesson's guided application (no separate worksheet). Every later topic adds a labeled graph (the Graph Bank) or a memo; the capstone is a full 'State of the Economy' briefing.