

AP Macro Review - A Look at Japan Lesson Plan

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Teacher Note:

- This lesson is best used at the end of the AP Macroeconomics course as it requires students to use concepts learned from Units 2-6.
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Learning Objectives:

1. Students will apply their knowledge of the AD-AS model to the Japanese economy.

Lesson Format:

1. Do Now:
 - a. Think-Pair-Share: What do you know about Japan and the Japanese economy?
 - b. After students have shared with each other, discuss as a class.
2. Conceptual Review:
 - a. Explain to students that today they will both be learning about the Japanese economy and using their knowledge of the AD-AS model to graphically show how the Japanese economy would react to different shocks. However, before they will do so, they need to review the basics of the AD-AS model.
 - i. Ask students: What shifts AD? What shifts SRAS? What shifts LRAS? How do monetary and fiscal policy affect the model?
3. Pair-Work: A Look at Japan Review Worksheet
 - a. After students have reviewed the basics of the AD-AS model, introduce [the review activity \(PDF\)](#). Explain that the activity uses real data/information from the Japanese economy and that students will use that information to manipulate the AD-AS model.
 - b. Split students into pairs and give them approximately 30 minutes to complete the problems.
 - c. Assign each pair one problem they will be responsible for explaining to the class.
4. Class Debriefing
 - a. Have students put their graphs on the board and explain the impact on the AD-AS model. Correct any mistakes/misunderstandings as they present.
 - b. [Key is attached \(PDF\)](#)