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ACTIVITY

Financially Me: Smart Spending Strategies

What + Why: Break down the money strategies that help people stay in control.

From Ideas to Impact

Every day, people make spending choices that affect how much flexibility they have later—sometimes without realizing it. The strategies explored in this topic are tools people use to stay in control of their money, especially when costs rise or temptations pop up. In this activity, you'll pull those ideas together and think about how to communicate them clearly so others can make more intentional spending decisions too.

Your Smart Spending Strategies work will become the Financially Me component of your FinanceFolio for this topic.

Instructions:

1. Choose one format from the options provided.
2. Include the required number of strategies and explain how they help manage spending or support long-term financial stability.
3. Use at least one realistic, student-relevant example to show how a strategy could be used.

Option 1: Consumer Tips Brochure

A tri-fold or digital brochure that gives practical tips for careful spending.

- At least 2 consumer strategies that help manage spending challenges
- A brief explanation of why each strategy matters
- One example of how the strategy could be used by a student

Option 2: PSA (Public Service Announcement)

A short written, audio, or video PSA aimed at teens about avoiding spending traps and building stability.

- A clear message about living below your means
- At least 2 consumer strategies
- A call to action (what the viewer should do differently)

Option 3: Consumer Strategy Guide

A “Think Before You Spend” guide with checklists or quick rules.

- Common spending challenges
- Matching strategies for each challenge
- Short explanations showing how the strategy helps in that situation

Submission:

Turn in your completed work to your teacher.