**INTRODUCTION TO MINT**

**TEACHER SECTION**

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**Overview**

In order for students to have success navigating [Mint.com](https://mint.com) using the Take Charge Today simulations, this opening activity will introduce students to Mint and the fictional user Scott. **Students should complete the Step-By-Step Guide to accessing and connecting to Mint before this activity.**

**Objectives**

1. Familiarize students with the Mint platform.
2. Introduce students to the fictional user Scott and understand his financial overview.

**Helpful Mint Video**

- Introduction and Logging in to Mint: [https://youtu.be/qowo0-5iNYY](https://youtu.be/qowo0-5iNYY)

| Take Charge Today Lesson Connection | www.takechargetoday.arizona.edu |

After completing this introductory activity, students will have success with the following simulations connected with Take Charge Today lesson plans:

1. Budgeting for Income & Expense 1 Day and 3 Days
2. Finding Your Net Worth *(coming soon!)*
3. Comparing Savings Accounts
4. Analyzing a Credit Report and Score
5. Evaluating Credit Card Offers

| What Students Will Do | Teaching Instructions & Time to Complete |

**Students will do the following in this activity:**

1. Go to [Mint](https://mint.com) or [Mint.com](https://mint.com).
2. Log on using directions in the **Step-By-Step Guide** to access Mint as the fictional user Scott.
3. Navigate through the various tabs to answer questions on the worksheet.

**The following timeline is recommended for carrying out this activity with students:**

- 2 minutes to read scenario about the Scott.
- 2-3 minutes for guided demonstration of Mint and the tabs
- 25 minutes for students to explore Mint and complete the worksheet.
- 5 minutes for closing and check for understanding.

**DISCLAIMER:**

For students to be able to access Mint successfully, they must use the same computer or device every time they access Mint. Otherwise, they will be forced to re-create a new account.