



## INTRODUCTION TO MINT

### TEACHER SECTION

<b>Simulation Overview &amp; Objectives</b>	<b>Digital Literacy Tool:</b> Mint <b>Est time for activity:</b> 35 minutes
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#### Overview

In order for students to have success navigating **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/qowo0-5jNYY>

<b>Take Charge Today Lesson Connection</b>	<a href="http://www.takechargetoday.arizona.edu">www.takechargetoday.arizona.edu</a>
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After completing this introductory activity, students will have success with the following simulations connected with Take Charge Today lesson plans:

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

<b>What Students Will Do</b>	<b>Teaching Instructions &amp; Time to Complete</b>
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#### Students will do the following in this activity:

1. Go to **Mint** or **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.