# How to Get the Most Out of Your SMG Experience

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| **To put The Stock Market Game™ in context for your class, show our video "Life Goals," which discusses how saving early then investing can help your students achieve their longer term goals:** [https://bit.ly/2Aep5Ta](https://bit.ly/2Aep5Ta)  
**Suggested Lesson:** Log into www.stockmarketgame.org. Click the "Syllabus" box then select your grade level on the left-hand side to view the following lesson: "Understanding SMG"  
**Invest It Forward™** connects your class with real financial professionals online or in person. If you haven’t requested your own volunteer yet, now is the time: [https://investitforward.sifma.org/](https://investitforward.sifma.org/) | **Suggested Lessons:** "What is a Company?" and "What is a Stock?"  
Check out a free webinar (listing in back) or a Fast Track instructional video to help you get started: [https://vimeo.com/album/4803902](https://vimeo.com/album/4803902) | **Suggested Lesson:** "Identifying Ticker Symbols and Interpreting Stock Quotes"  
**Publications:** Log into www.stockmarketgame.org. Click the "Publications" box. Search for the following: In the News "Starting Up" and Stocktalk "Tickers Tales" | **Show your students "Wealth Creation for All," a video that explains the concept of risk vs. return:** [https://bit.ly/2LrClS4](https://bit.ly/2LrClS4)  
**Suggested Lesson:** "What is Risk?"  
**Extension Lessons (grade levels vary):"Investor Safety'**  
**Publications:** In the News "Defeating Danger" and Stocktalk "Jack and the Beans Talk" | **Suggested Lessons:** "How Does Money Grow Over Time?” and "Dividends and Earnings"  
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*The Stock Market Game is flexible and can meet the needs of your curriculum/schedule. These suggestions are recommended to enhance your experience, but are not required for participation.*
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| **Suggested Lessons:** "What Causes Stock Prices to Change?" and "Buy, Sell, or Hold?" | **Suggested Lessons:** "What is Diversification?"  
InvestWrite™ is SMG's national essay competition. Introduce the competition to your class with our lesson "How to InvestWrite." Check out www.investwrite.org to see this year’s Fall or Spring prompts. This is a great time to have your students start drafting their essays. |

**Extension Lessons (grade levels vary):** "What is an Exchange/ Market?", "What is an Index?", and "What is P/E Ratio?"  
**Publications:** In the News "A Tale of Two Shacks" and "An Apple for the Dow" |

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| **Suggested Lessons:** "What is a Mutual Fund?"  
**InvestWrite:** Submit your essays by the deadline. Remember, you can submit up to 10 essays per class. Strip your students’ names from the essays and follow all submission instructions at www.investwrite.org. | **Show your students "Building Bridges," a video that explains bonds:** https://bit.ly/2LDQZfU  
**Suggested Lessons:** "What is a Bond?"  
**Invest It Forward:** Engagement occurred? How did it go? Be sure to return to the portal at https://investitforward.sifma.org/ and log the visit’s completion and to provide feedback. Questions or concerns, contact iif@sifma.org. |

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| **Suggested Lesson:** "How Successful Was My Investment Strategy?"  
**Announcement of top ranking team portfolios in the Elementary, Middle, and High School regions!** Teams in the Competitive Session may be eligible for prizes.  
**Don’t forget to register for another SMG session!** |

Please note that all lessons and publications can be found in the Teacher Support Center. Visit www.stockmarketgame.org and login with your advisor ID and password. Click the "Syllabus" or "Publications" box and either scroll or search to find a specific document.
**WEBINARS**

**Webinar dates/times in EST**

**August**
- 8/21 4:30pm SMG Basics
- 8/23 4:30pm SMG Basics
- 8/27 4:30pm SMG Basics
- 8/30 6:30pm SMG Basics

**September**
- 9/4 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 9/6 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 9/10 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 9/11 7:30pm Winning with Diversification
- 9/12 4:00pm How To Connect Your Class with Financial Professional Volunteer
- 9/13 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 9/17 7:30pm Let's Trade Today
- 9/18 6:30pm Basic Company Research
- 9/19 7:30pm Winning with Diversification
- 9/20 6:30pm How to InvestWrite!
- 9/25 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 9/27 7:30pm Weekly Portfolio Analysis

**October**
- 10/1 6:30pm Basic Company Research
- 10/2 8:00pm Winning with Diversification
- 10/4 3:00pm How to InvestWrite!
- 10/4 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 10/8 6:30pm How To Connect Your Class with Financial Professional Volunteer
- 10/9 8:00pm Let's Trade Today
- 10/11 6:30pm SMG Basics

October continued...
- 10/15 6:00pm How to InvestWrite!
- 10/16 8:00pm Basic Company Research
- 10/18 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 10/23 8:00pm Let's Trade Today
- 10/24 10:00pm How to InvestWrite!
- 10/25 6:30pm SMG Basics
- 10/30 4:30pm Meet an Invest It Forward Volunteer

**November**
- 11/1 8:00pm Weekly Portfolio Analysis
- 11/6 6:30pm Basic Company Research
- 11/6 10:00am How to InvestWrite!
- 11/8 11:45am How to InvestWrite!
- 11/8 8:00pm Winning with Diversification
- 11/13 8:00pm Basic Company Research
- 11/15 8:00pm Weekly Portfolio Analysis
- 11/19 9:00am How to InvestWrite!
- 11/20 6:30pm Let's Trade Today
- 11/27 6:30pm Weekly Portfolio Analysis
- 11/28 8:00am InvestWrite: How to Submit
- 11/29 8:00pm Let's Trade Today

**December**
- 12/4 6:30pm Weekly Portfolio Analysis
- 12/3 10:00pm InvestWrite: How to Submit
- 12/5 4:30pm Meet an Invest It Forward Volunteer
- 12/6 8:00pm Let's Trade Today
- 12/10 7:00pm InvestWrite: How to Submit

**Registration Links**

- **SMG Basics**
  https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5120704219189709826

- **Winning with Diversification**
  https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4082860900081034242

- **Let's Trade Today**
  https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/9089415628903375618

- **Basic Company Research**
  https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8971196138684987138

- **Weekly Portfolio Analysis**
  https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/831106937981371649

Please see next page for webinar links to InvestWrite and Invest It Forward webinars...
**InvestWrite & Invest It Forward Webinars**

**InvestWrite**

- **9/20 6:30pm - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7139565897328638209
- **10/4 3:00pm - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8511868558979273217
- **10/15 6:00pm - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4389921512237829377
- **10/24 10:00pm - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/106960860209849049
- **11/6 10:00am - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6551511894422304257
- **11/8 11:45am - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7956775715650348289
- **11/19 9:00am - How to InvestWrite**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1393565409571761409
- **11/28 6:00pm - InvestWrite: Easy to Submit**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/380879432586433793
- **12/3 10:00pm - InvestWrite: Easy to Submit**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/106094450471935233
- **12/10 7:00pm - InvestWrite: Easy to Submit**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4273498624443631873

**Invest It Forward**

- **9/12 4:00pm - How To Connect Your Class with a Financial Professional Volunteer**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4084748761856085250
- **10/8 6:30pm - How To Connect Your Class with a Financial Professional Volunteer**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4081290797786741250
- **10/30 4:30pm - Meet an Invest It Forward Volunteer**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7675891177126006530
- **12/5 4:30pm - Meet an Invest It Forward Volunteer**
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3224263265377242626