Stock Market Activity

Name:

Class Period:

In the next two days we will be going through a simulation to help you understand the financial states of America in the 1920’s as well as bring in interdisciplinary skills from economics and mathematics as you navigate the “American Stock Exchange”. It is essential for you to fill out this expense log while you buy and sell stocks. Be sure to not only keep track of the stocks you buy and sell; but to fill out your expense graph along with your reflections.

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Net Worth:

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Fill in the following graph based on your **NET WORTH** for each of the following years. The **TOTAL** (the “1” at the top of the graph represents $1,000). Above each bar you make, write the actual dollar amount you have.

Complete the following questions based on what you have learned from the experience. Be sure to reference the data you collected in terms of your biggest gains and losses.

Between which two years were your biggest losses? What caused that loss? (Was it an event, a poor trade, or something else?)

In your own words, evaluate the process of stocks. How can you make money from stocks? How can you lose money from them?

Go back and look over all the data you collected from this experience. If you were going to critique your performance, how would you grade yourself out?

On the back, write a 5 sentence letter as if you were living in 1929 and had lost everything. This letter could be to anyone you want, but be sure to use details from your experience in your letter. Try to convey whatever emotions you think you would feel if this had actually happened to you!