Unit 1

Essential Question:	What are the important broad economic concepts?
	What Is Economics?
	If economics is allegedly about money, why is it taught as a social science?
	Define <u>Needs</u>
	• Examples:,,
	Define Wants
	List all the foods you can think of in the circle below.
	Foods
	FUUUS
	What are Trade-Offs ?
	What are <u>Trade-ons</u> :
	When deciding which food to eat, all the different options are
	It's All About the Choices
	What is Scarcity ?
	Something is Scarce if it is and
	What are Opportunity Costs ?
	Life is about choices and the choices we make impact us now and in the future.
	Basic Principles of Economic Reasoning
	1. People Choose (Everything has a cost)
	TINSTAAFL "There is no such thing as a free lunch."
	Every action costs someone,, or
	Remember: Opportunity Cost is the value of the next best choice you did not make.
	Not all costs are measured in and

	2. People choose for good reasons.
	People make decisions based on
	While this may vary from person to person, it is usually
	involve weighing the benefits against the costs – ""
	Production Possibilities Curves
	3. Incentives matter.
	When people make their and weighing the benefits against the costs,
	they are comparing the involved in making the decision
	When incentives change,
	Incentives can be, such as a reward or added benefit, or a
	or additional cost
Summary	