

The Ascent of Money

Resources:

The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of The World by Niall Ferguson Epsd 1-6 Full Documentary

1. [The Ascent of Money Episode 1: Dreams of Avarice - YouTube](#)
2. [The Ascent of Money Episode 2: Human Bondage - YouTube](#)
3. [The Ascent of Money Episode 3: Blowing Bubbles - YouTube](#)
4. [The Ascent of Money Episode 4: Risky Business - YouTube](#)
5. [The Ascent of Money Episode 5: Safe as houses - YouTube](#)
6. [The Ascent of Money Episode 6: Chimerica - YouTube](#)

Some other sites on the above

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/ascentofmoney/category/lessons/>

<https://blog.12min.com/the-ascent-of-money-pdf-summary/>

<http://teroluoma.blogspot.com/2012/10/niall-ferguson-ascent-of-money.html>

Required:

- After watching the episodes or reading the book or both **prepare a power point presentation (20-25 slides maximum)** on any topic that interests you. Some topics have been suggested but you can come up with your own topics (it will be much better if you do that).
- You can do this in groups of maximum 4 persons
- No advance intimation is needed for which topic you want to pick up. More than one group can work on the same topic.
- **Coverage and Creativity will be evaluated. You can refer to other sources for information (list them in one of the slides.)**
- **Weightage (15%)**
- **Last date: October 4, 2022**

TOPICS SUGGESTED (NOT BINDING)

S.No.	Topics
1	Bond market in renaissance Italy
2	18th century Mississippi bubble
3	2001 Enron bankruptcy
4	Globalisation of western economy
5	Bonaparte of finance
6	Driving Dixie Down
7	The Euthanasia of the Rentier
8	The Resurrection of the Rentier
9	The First Bubble
10	Bulls and Bears
11	A Tale of Fat Tails
12	From Warfare to Welfare
13	The Hedged and the Unhedged
14	Home-owning Democracy
15	Huge silver and Inflation -Spain case study
16	Bankrupt nation
17	Evolution of Banking
18	The loan shark problem and its history
19	Advent of bond market
20	World War 1 and Hyperinflation
21	Rise and need of the insurance in the financial system
22	The Great Depression
23	Comparing Public and Private Insurance
24	Real Estate - Investment source throughout the ages
25	Asian Crisis of 1997-8
26	Savings and Loans crisis of the 1980s
27	Great Inflation of the 1970s
28	Subprime mortgage crisis
29	Russian debt default of 1998
30	Latin American debt crisis 1980s
31	The great financial crisis of 1914
32	The Money Mountain
33	The Birth of Banking
34	Relationship of Politics and Financial System
35	Mountains of Debt
36	Flaws in the financial system
37	Short-Term Capital Mismanagement
38	Why do stock markets produce bubbles and busts?
39	Origins of Credit and debt

40	How did finance become the realm of the masters of the universe?
41	Origin of the joint stock company in Amsterdam and Paris
42	The Subprime Mortgage Crisis of 2008 Aka the Global Financial Crisis
43	The role of diversification in moderating risk
44	Fractional Reserve Banking: The idea, its risks and rewards with examples
45	How does inflation influence the economy?
46	The effectiveness of Price controls.
47	History of stock market bubbles: From tulips and the south sea to subprime
48	Institutional investors and their impact on finance
49	Futures Contracts in finance, speculation and the use of leverage
50	The effects of globalization of the world economy
51	The downfall of Long-Term Capital Management (LTCM a hedge fund)