Stock vs. Bond Performance Simulator

Activity 2: Understand how investments perform under different economic conditions

Part A: Economic Scenario Analysis

Click each scenario to make your prediction, then reveal the historical data.

Scenario 1: Strong Economic Growth

GDP growth of +4%, strong employment, rising consumer spending

Scenario 2: Recession

GDP decline of -2%, rising unemployment, reduced spending
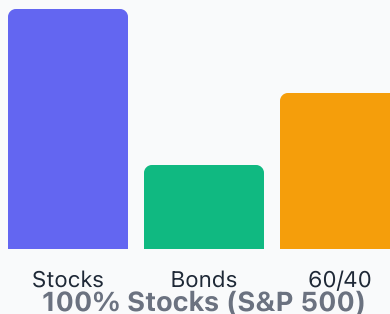
Scenario 3: High Inflation

Annual inflation rate of 5%, rising prices across economy

Scenario 4: Rising Interest Rates

Federal Reserve raises rates by 2% to combat inflation

Part B: Long-Term Perspective (30-Year Comparison)

$10,000 invested in 1993 through 2023

Stocks   Bonds   60/40

100% Stocks (S&P 500)

$178,000

100% Bonds (Treasury)

$42,000

60/40 Balanced

$98,000

Portfolio	Ending Value (30 yrs)	Worst Year Loss	Year
All-Stock Portfolio	$	%	Year
All-Bond Portfolio	$	%	Year
Balanced Portfolio	$	%	Year

Reflection

Would you have been able to stay invested through the worst year's losses? How does this inform your risk tolerance?

Your reflection...