

# The Credit Score: Your Ticket to the Financial World



When you become an adult, you have a credit score of zero. It is important to build your score so that you interact with the financial world.

# Part 1: The Importance of Having Good Credit

By yourself, or with a partner, list four reasons why it is important to have an excellent credit rating.

## **Vocabulary**

## **Credit Rating/Score:**

an estimate of the ability of a person or organization to fulfill their financial commitments, based on previous dealings.

#### **Interest Rate:**

the amount a lender charges a borrower and is a percentage of the principal—the amount loaned.

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Reason #1

Reason #2

Reason #3

Reason #4

# **Part 2: The Dangers of Bad Credit**

By yourself, or with a partner, list four dangers of not having an excellent credit rating.

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Reason #1			
Reason #2			
Reason #3			
Reason #4			

# **Part 3: Building Credit: Credit Cards**



Research at least 3 Credit Card Providers. List them below

1.Look at the application. What information does the credit card ask you for in order to give you a card?

2.Look at the interest rate. Do you think the interest rate on the credit card is worth getting it and establishing a credit rating?

3.If interest rates are so high on credit cards, why do people use them? (Are there any rewards, offers, or benefits for using the card?)

## Resources

#### Links

#### **Credit Reports and Scores**

https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/credit-reports-score.html **What credit score do you start with in Canada** 

https://financialpost.com/moneywise/what-credit-score-do-you-start-with-in-canada-13 **How do credit cards affect your credit score?** https://www.transunion.ca/credit-card

### **Videos**

## **CREDIT SCORE IN CANADA - Explained (For Newcomers & Beginners)**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxwmaQNPf24

How to Build and Improve Credit Score in Canada - New Immigrant Credit Score Explained https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QcbDhGp4PY

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT CREDIT SCORES IN CANADA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezgr6qC38BY

What Is A Credit Score in Canada? | 5 Factors Based on Determining Your Credit Score https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMRWfrcjKL8

