

**STUDENT ACTIVITY****Chapter 10****Internet Connection**  
**U.S. Savings Bonds****EXPLORE**

Many investors choose U.S. Savings Bonds because they are considered to be relatively risk-free. Investors in U.S. Savings Bonds help fund the activities of the federal government and reduce the national debt.

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**DIRECTIONS**

Locate the Bureau of the Public Debt Web site. Complete the worksheet below and answer the questions that follow.

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**NET RESULTS****Web site address****Types of savings bonds offered****Current interest rate on Series EE/E savings bonds****Current interest rate on Series I bonds****What did the Web site list as reasons to buy bonds?****List three differences between I bonds and EE bonds.****What two options are available for cashing Series EE/E bonds?**

**CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS**



1. Do you think U.S. Savings Bonds are wise investment options? Why or why not?

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2. If you were considering purchasing a U.S. Savings Bond, what forms of research would you do? List several resources that might offer advice or information about savings bonds.

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3. Some investors view the purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds as a civic responsibility. Do you agree or disagree with this opinion? Why?

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**EXTENSION EXERCISE**



State and local governments also offer investment opportunities to the public. For example, municipal bonds are issued to raise money for schools, highways, hospitals, and other public projects. Use an Internet search engine to find a municipal bond offering in your city or state. Answer the following questions.

*(Hint: Many general bond Web sites offer sections devoted to municipal bonds. You can also use the search term “municipal bonds.”)*

1. List the name of the bond issue.
2. What is the maturity date of the bond?
3. What is the yield rate of the bond?
4. Is the bond callable?

