

**STUDENT ACTIVITY****Chapter 12****Internet Connection  
Federal Income Taxes and You****EXPLORE**

The Department of the Treasury operates the Internal Revenue Service, the agency responsible for collection of your federal taxes.

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**DIRECTIONS**

Locate the Web site for the Internal Revenue Service. Complete the worksheet below and answer the questions that follow.

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**NET RESULTS**

**IRS Web site address**

**What is the mailing address for filing an IRS tax return in your state?**

**List three job vacancies available with the IRS. What are the salary range or hourly rate for these positions?**

**Describe the *Statistics of Income* program.**

**List five tax tools or information topics offered for the individual taxpayer.**

**List three volunteer opportunities with the IRS.**

**CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS**



1. Federal income taxes are collected by the IRS in order to fund a wide variety of national and local public programs. How do you think the income taxes that you pay benefit you and your family?

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2. What is the difference between regressive taxation and progressive taxation?  
*(Hint: Click on the “Taxpayer Help & Ed” link on the IRS home page. Then select the TAXinteractive link. Explore the “What is Fair? Solving the Case of the Fair Tax” game.)*

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3. Last summer, your friend worked full-time as a department store clerk. The following April, he doesn’t want to file an income tax return because he says it is too much trouble. How might you encourage your friend to file his tax return?

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**EXTENSION EXERCISE**



Play the Braintaxer game found on the IRS site and answer the following questions. *(Hint: Play the game as contestant Toby Wyse.)*

1. What is the fastest way to get an IRS form?
2. What electronic publication does the IRS provide to update taxpayers on tax changes?
3. How many tax products are available on the Tax Products CD-ROM?

