

Name: _____

Tribe: _____

The End of the World: Economy

A deadly and especially infectious strain of the influenza virus has wiped out 99% of humanity. You and your tribe went into hiding for a year, completely isolated from what is left of civilization. You have chosen where you want to live, and have accepted all of the benefits and problems that your location provides you.

The economy in our nation (or any location) is incredibly complex, even if on the outside it might not appear to be. Today you will decide how the economy in your tribe will function.

The economic decisions of your tribe will (or at least probably “should”) vary greatly as you gain more members, so each question will be divided into three sections – to provide answers as your tribe increases in membership. Try to think carefully about your answers.

Currency

Will your tribe adopt a representative form of currency? If so, explain what it would be (e.g. paper currency, gold) If not, explain what direct for you plan to use, and how.

Now

1,000 (Slightly more than McGuinness)

100,000 (20% of Oklahoma City)

If you plan to use any form of currency other than barter, how will you implement it? (e.g. have a giant stack of gold in the middle of town and let people run to claim it – Give everybody the same amount to start...)

Taxes

How will you pay jobs that don't have any inherent value (think "government" jobs – police / caretakers / night watchment...)

Do you plan to have a tax system?

Now?

1,000?

100,000?

How will you decide how much each person "owes" in taxes? (e.g. flat, equal, progressive...)

Now?

1,000?

100,000?

Trade

Will you trade with other tribes?

What will you offer as trade?

If your personal opinion differed with the group's, provide your own changes to the group's ideas

In 200 years, if your tribe had as many people as the United States, how would your economic system be different from your own? (another way to say that question is, "What would you change about our current economic system, if you would change anything)

There is no wrong answer, even if you feel uninformed.

EDUCATION

Will you have an education system in your tribe? (think once your tribe has around 1000 people)

Will education be the same as it is today? If not, how exactly will it be different?

Will education be mandatory? If yes, to what age?