

Bartering in the 21st Century



For this investigation, you will be exploring whether bartering is still happening in your community, within Illinois, or in parts of the United States. Use the following essential question to guide your investigation:

What does bartering look like in the 21st century?

Think of three supporting questions to narrow down your investigation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Make sure to explore a variety of sources to gain multiple viewpoints. Look for blog posts, newspaper articles, and a variety of websites. Think about the information you find and determine whether it is based on facts or someone's opinion. Pay attention to the different locations (city, state, country) that you're reading about. Use the chart to categorize some of the most important information you find.

Interesting/Important Point	Type of Source	Fact or Opinion

Now compare and contrast the information you found. Is bartering happening within your community? In Illinois? In other parts of the Country?

Location	What is Bartered?
In my community	
Illinois	
United States	

Based on your findings, do you think bartering is important today? Why or why not?