

## 11.15: Discussion- Why Wanda Cares About the Federal Reserve—or Does She?

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### General Discussion Instructions

In order to prepare for this assignment, READ the information contained in the document “[Salty Pawz Background](#).”

You are required to post to this discussion THREE TIMES, on THREE DIFFERENT DAYS. Please refer to the Discussion Grading Rubric for details regarding how your performance will be assessed. NOTE: Please be certain to read the entire discussion assignment since in some cases there is more than one question you need to discuss, respond to, or address. Be sure that you have answered the entire question!

### Post 1: Initial Post

This posting should be a minimum of one short paragraph and a maximum of two paragraphs. Word totals for this post should be in the 100–200-word range. Whether you agree or disagree, explain why with supporting evidence and concepts from the readings or a related experience. Include a reference, link, or citation when appropriate.

#### Scenario

Jamie picks Wanda up from the mall. When Wanda gets into the car, Jamie has the radio tuned to Public Radio. When Wanda reaches to change the station, Jamie stops her, explaining that she is listening to a report about a meeting of the Federal Reserve earlier that day. The reporter is talking about how the Federal Reserve is considering a potential increase in interest rates. Several economists are giving their opinions regarding the announcement. When the segment ends, Jamie changes the station. After thinking about what she has heard, Wanda asks Jamie, “Why do you and I care what the Federal Reserve does?”

#### For Discussion

- In this discussion forum, *you* need to answer Wanda’s question. When putting together your response, consider the possible impact that increases/decreases in interest rates and the tightening/loosening of the money supply might have on Salty Pawz. Moreover, how might such decisions affect Wanda personally and as a business owner?

After considering the impact of the actions of the Federal Reserve on Wanda and Salty Pawz, do you believe that the decisions of the Federal Reserve affect *you*? If so, in what ways might you experience this impact? If you do not believe the actions of the Federal Reserve affect you, then why not?

### Posts 2 and 3: Respond to Classmates’ Posts

#### Instructions

After you have created your initial post, look over the discussion posts of your classmates and give at least two thoughtful responses to two different classmates (one per classmate) as outlined in the Discussion Grading Rubric.

A response posting should be a minimum of one short paragraph. Word totals for these posts should be in the 75–100-word range. Whether you agree or disagree, explain why with supporting evidence and concepts from the readings or a related experience. Include a reference, link, or citation when appropriate. The goal of your response posts is to extend discussions already taking place or pose new possibilities or opinions not previously voiced. Your goal should be to motivate the group discussion and present a creative approach to the topic.

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