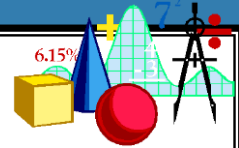


Mathematics, Grade 8

Unit IX: Lesson 1

Report / Chart: **Rich or Poor, Who Pays More?**



Research methods of computing percent and creating graphs. Research the history of the progressive federal income tax. Obtain a current federal income tax booklet of tax tables.

Arbitrarily select five different taxable income levels from very low to very high. An accountant or tax preparer may be a good source for getting realistic figures. Compare the total amount of federal income tax families at these different incomes would pay. Calculate the percent of taxable income each family must pay as federal income tax.

Evaluate the reality of your figures. Do rich people really pay that much? Speculate as to why or why not.

Write a report about the federal income tax. Include a summary of the results of your study.