



National InvestWrite Winner- 5th Place

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This year in the Stock Market Game I have learned a lot. I have loved learning about mutual funds, bonds, and stocks. Before this experience, I didn't even know what a mutual fund was. My group and I learned to analyze different companies and research articles and other important information about them. We learned about taking calculated risks and seeing them pay off. I had fun and liked having teammates because we shared our ideas together and brainstormed.

I loved participating in the Stock Market Game and checking the different stocks in our portfolio and deciding whether we wanted to keep them or sell them. At first my group and I were a little overwhelmed and a little confused about where to start but then we realized we were all interested in learning about Apple. When we read about Apple, we learned that they were coming out with a new VR headset. We thought this sounded good so we decided to invest.

Another company we decided to invest in and add to our portfolio was Spotify. We decided to invest in this because they were coming up with a new feature that told you what places people liked the same music as you. Our group decided that we should invest in that stock because more people would probably be interested in this company because of that new update.

Another company we decided to invest in was Nike because they have a lot of trendy products. Even people who don't play sports themselves often watch sports and buy Nike products to support their teams or have comfortable shoes and clothes. Nike has a lot of popular athletes endorsing their products, too. They also have good marketing so our group thought that they would be a good company to invest in.

Our portfolio was successful. We started off with \$100,000 being invested. At the end, if we sold everything, we could have gained \$4000 from our investments. So, we ended up with a positive outcome. Also, our stocks were trending up so we would've likely continued to make money if our money was left in the investments for longer.

I think my team's portfolio was successful because of our research. I also think that we were successful because we tried to get different fields of stocks. I learned that this was called diversification. It's important to diversify your portfolio because then if something happens

with one industry, you could still be okay in another. I also think my group did well because we all listened to each other's ideas to be very well rounded.

This project made me think about a goal I would like to reach in 10 years. I would like to earn \$1000. If I made this money, not only would I use it for my college savings, but I would also use it to help feed the homeless in my area. I already like to help donate food for people who don't have it, and I know it takes a lot of money to help feed people every day.

I would use a \$10,000 portfolio to invest in many different things. First, I would invest in Tesla because I think in the future electric cars are going to blow up. Next, I would invest in Apple because they have many great technology products and people always buy their phones. Another thing I would invest in is Nike because they are always getting endorsements and people are usually buying their shoes and clothes. Also, I would invest in Google because of their features and they are coming out with lots of new and successful phones. Additionally, I would invest in Netflix because it is one of the number one movie and show apps.

I think my long-term portfolio of Tesla, Apple, Nike, Google, and Netflix is diversified. I think this is because Nike makes clothes and shoes, Apple and Google make technology, Netflix has movies and shows, and Tesla makes cars. I think all these companies have at least one thing that will expand in the future so I can obtain my goal. They all have things that are important and make updates commonly. I think they are all also common to everyday human life. That is why I think my Stock Market Game investments performed well.

Overall, I am glad I had the opportunity to participate in the game. I enjoyed learning, investing, and writing in my Stock Market Game experience. I also enjoyed writing about my goal and keys to get there. Thanks for reading.