

## Elon Musk, trillionaire (June 13, 2026)

# TEACHING GUIDE

**What?** The moment Elon Musk became the first "trillionaire" in history, with a fortune exceeding \$1 trillion. 🤖

**Who?** Elon Musk, the CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, already the richest man in the world before reaching this historic milestone.

**Where?** On the New York Stock Exchange, where SpaceX's IPO caused his fortune to skyrocket.

**When?** Friday, June 12, 2026, the day SpaceX's stock price soared 19% on its first day of trading.

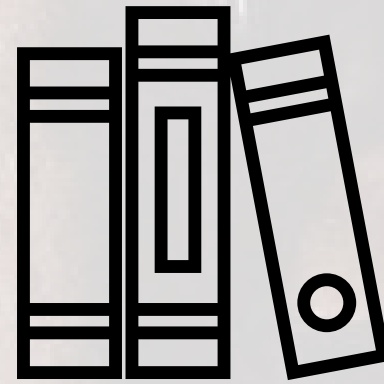
**Why is it important?** Because \$1 trillion is an unprecedented fortune in the hands of a single person.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Elon Musk and understand what \$1,000,000,000,000 really represents.** 💰



### OBJECTIVES

- Discover who Elon Musk is using a Wikipedia search. Understand what a trillion dollars represents in concrete terms using comparisons.
- Read and interpret a bar graph.
- Perform simple calculations (division, percentage, average).



### SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Culture**
  - Influential Contemporary Figures
- **Mathematics**
  - Division
  - Percentages
  - Average
  - Reading Bar Charts
  - Orders of Magnitude (billions, trillions)
- **English**
  - Understanding Instructions
  - Research (Wikipedia)



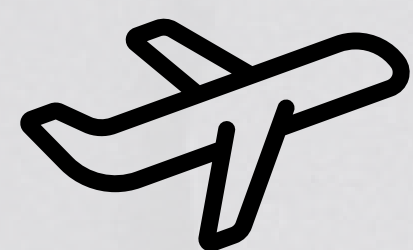
### COMPETENCIES

- Researching and interpreting information
- Reading and interpreting a graph
- Solving simple mathematical problems
- Analyzing situations
- Producing a structured response



### DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they know Elon Musk and what they know about him.
- Ask them if they know what a trillion dollars is.
- Write the number 1,000,000,000,000 on the board and ask how to read it.
- Discuss: Is it possible for one person to own so much money?
- Gather their reactions: Do they find it normal, impressive, or worrying?

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**STEP 1 — Who is Elon Musk?** Consultation of the Wikipedia entry on Elon Musk and completion of his profile.

- **Full name: Elon Reeve Musk**
- **Date of birth and age: June 28, 1971. He is 54 years old.**
- **City and country of birth: Pretoria, South Africa**
- **Nationalities: South African, Canadian, American**
- **Number of children: 14**

**STEP 2 — A Trillion Dollars Is Huge!!!** Four comprehension and math questions to help grasp the magnitude of a trillion dollars using concrete comparisons.

**Q1 — About \$125**

**Q2 — That's right!**

**Q3 — No, because 4,000 billion = 4 trillion**

**Q4 —  $100,000 \div 40,000 = 2.5$  times the circumference of the Earth.**

**STEP 3 — A Bunch of Billionaires.** Observation of a bar chart showing the five richest people on Earth, then answers to four questions.

**Q5 — Yes! The other four = 1,010 billion**

**Q6 — That's Larry Ellison**

**Q7 — 416 billion**

**Q8 —  $(280 + 260) \times 90\% = 486$  billion**




### WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (the wealth, the comparisons, the graph).
- Ask: In your opinion, is it normal for one person to possess so much money? Why?
- Compare the reactions: Some admire Musk, others don't—what explains these differences?



### FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Who is Elon Musk? | CBC Kids News  
<https://youtu.be/CRgr0FZaghU?si=r6xdFp9zG58jzN1i>



- Tesla | 2003 | Electric cars, batteries, and clean energy
- SpaceX | 2002 | Rockets and space transportation
- Starlink | 2015 | Satellite internet
- Neuralink | 2016 | Brain implants and brain-computer interfaces
- SolarCity | 2006 | Solar panels (acquired by Tesla in 2016)
- xAI | 2023 | Artificial intelligence (Grok chatbot)
- The Boring Company | 2016 | Underground tunnels for urban transportation
- OpenAI | 2015 | Artificial intelligence (ChatGPT). Musk left in 2018.
- X | 2022 (acquired) | Social network (formerly Twitter)



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### The Elon Musk Constellation

AS a businessman, Elon Musk has founded many companies. Visit the websites of these companies created or managed by Elon Musk. You can also consult Wikipedia for information about them. Enter the information in the table below!



Company	Year of foundation	Business sector (What does the company manufacture or offer?)
Tesla		
SpaceX		
Starlink		
Neuralink		
SolarCity		
xAI		
The Boring Company		
openAI		
X		