Anthropic Goes Public (November 23, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

ℹ️ **What?** Anthropic, the company that makes the artificial intelligence assistant Claude, has gone public: anyone can now buy small pieces of the company, called shares. 📈

👤 **Who?** Anthropic, an American company founded in 2021 by a group of seven people, including siblings Dario and Daniela Amodei.

🌍 **Where?** In New York, at the Nasdaq, one of the largest stock exchanges in the world. 🏙️

🕰️ **When?** On Thursday, November 19, 2026.

❓ **Why is it important?** It is the biggest stock market debut in history: the company raised more than 81 billion dollars, even more than SpaceX in June. 💰

🎯 **In this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Anthropic and the stock market.**

OBJECTIVES

- Understand what the stock market and a share are, and why a company goes public
- Read a combined chart: the price of one share and the number of shares traded
- Calculate a company's value from the price of one share and the total number of shares
- Calculate a gain or a loss on a purchase of shares
- Find a company's ticker on a reliable financial website

SUBJECTS

- **Mathematics**
  - Reading a dual-axis chart
  - Multiplying decimals
  - Large numbers (millions, billions)
- **Social Studies**
  - Economy and businesses
  - The stock market
  - Artificial intelligence around the world
- **English**
  - Listening comprehension (video)
  - Information research
  - Justified written answers

COMPETENCIES

- Understand a short documentary video
- Read and interpret a chart
- Calculate with decimals and large numbers
- Search for information on a reliable website
- Express and justify an opinion

DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes

GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students whether they would like to own a small piece of a company, and which one
- Ask them what they picture when they hear "the stock market"
- Ask them whether the price of something can change from one day to the next, and why
- Gather their ideas: how can we tell how much a company is worth?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Understanding the Stock Market. Watching a short BBC What's New video about the stock market, then answering four open-ended questions.

Q1 — A small piece of a company: whoever buys one owns part of the company.
Q2 — To raise the money it needs to grow (new machines, more employees).
Q3 — New York (New York Stock Exchange). (The Nasdaq is also there.)
Q4 — Answers will vary. E.g., the share price can go down: if the company does badly, you can lose money.

STEP 2 — Anthropic's First Day on the Stock Market. Reading the November 19, 2026, chart, then readings and calculations. Company value = price of one share × 13.22 billion shares.

Q5 — Around 1:15 p.m. (about $94).
Q6 — 111.50 × 13.22 ≈ $1,474 billion.
Q7 — 97.17 × 13.22 ≈ $1,285 billion.
Q8 — About 283 million shares (accept 280 to 285 million).
Q9 — Lost $143.30 ($111.50 − $97.17 = $14.33 per share; $14.33 × 10 = $143.30).

STEP 3 — Claude's Competitors. Looking up the ticker of five companies on Google Finance. The students keep one letter from each ticker to form a mystery word; the N in ANT is given.

Q10 — BABA → A (Alibaba).
Q11 — GOOGL or GOOG → G (Alphabet).
Q12 — META → E (Meta).
Q13 — MSFT → T (Microsoft).
Q14 — SPCX → S (SpaceX).
Mystery word — AGENTS.

WRAPPING UP

- Have a group discussion about what the students learned
- Discuss what surprised them: a company worth over 1,000 billion dollars, a ticker (ANT) that is also an insect's name
- Ask: what does the word AGENTS have to do with artificial intelligence? (AI agents carry out tasks for us.)
- Remind them that a share price can go up… or down!

FURTHER EXPLORATION

📖 Savvy Books Publishing. *Stock Investing for Kids: A Mini-Mogul's Introduction to the Stock Market.*

