

Synopsis:

Broke, Busted, and Disgusted is a pro-education documentary covering the true cost of college. While many issues contribute to the student loan crisis, we believe the most immediate action we can take is to educate the next generation about their options, the consequences of student debt, and the financial decisions they face.

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Key Terms:

- **Principal** - Original amount of money borrowed, separate from interest or fees
- **Interest** - The amount you owe as the cost of borrowing money
- **Apprenticeship** - A paid career-training program where students learn on the job in addition to some classroom instruction

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While You Watch

Name:

Period:

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- 1. What percent did total student debt rise between 2004 - 2015?**

- 2. What is the average amount of student debt per student? How long, on average, does this take to pay off?**

- 3. What are the consequences of student debt on young peoples' lifestyles?**

- 4. What is the main consequence of choosing to pay off a loan over a longer period of time?**

- 5. What is unique about Justin's story?**

Discussion Questions:

- 6. Reflect on your previous knowledge of student loans. How has your understanding changed?**

- 7. Explain the reasons behind the spike in student loan debt. Do you predict that this pattern will continue?**

- 8. Do you believe a four-year college degree is “worth” the student loan debt? Why or why not?**

- 9. Explain the options presented as alternatives to a four-year college institution, and their appeals to students.**

- 10. Why do many students not understand the concept of student loans? What could be done to combat misconceptions?**