



# Mr. Mo's 2020 - 2021 Stock Market Challenge

Thank you for your interest in Mr. Mo's 2020-2021 stock market competition. I teach AP Statistics and Principles of Finance and Investing at Saint Mary's Hall. The competition will run from August 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021. This simulation will allow you to "trade" on the markets without risking actual money. You can practice investing, learn how the markets and brokerages work, test investment strategies, and of course, have fun! We will use the simulator provided by HowTheMarketWorks ([HTMW](http://HTMW.com)). Best of all participation and registration are free! I will provide some videos on its use (see 2<sup>nd</sup> page). **The name of the competition is Mr. Mo's 2020-2021 Stock Market Challenge and the password is gobarons.** The competition is open to the SMH community (students, staff, and faculty) and area high school students.

After consulting with your teacher and parents (for students), you will need to email ([jmolina@smhall.org](mailto:jmolina@smhall.org)) the following in order to register and qualify for the prizes:

- Student name
- School name
- Email (school email)
- Teacher's name (or parent) and their email.
- Please attach your school abbreviation at the end of your username (i.e. jmolinaSMH)

## Competition Rules:

- Day trading NOT allowed.
  - (day trading vs. swing trading) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yd5KBYqCpck>
  - (buy and hold) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpXHd7pPooQ>
- Short selling NOT allowed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1LctxzEREE>
- Stocks trading below \$10 NOT allowed.
- Mutual funds allowed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPS22HRRY1k>
- This will be a cash account (vs. margin). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIbKWY7G14E>
- No more than 5% of the portfolio for one position.
- **Must write a note for each trade.** This will be required to qualify for the prizes. I am looking for the rationale used which can be due to a combination of news, fundamental analysis, or technical analysis (charts). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhDxXNNv7bk>

## Competition Prizes (gift cards):

- The individual with the highest portfolio value will win \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest portfolio value will win \$250
- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest portfolio value will win \$100
- Monthly prize of \$100. The investor who has the highest "Monthly Ranking" on the last trading day of the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March will be awarded \$100.

## Here are some helpful videos and article for the trading competition.

1. Learn about what HowTheMarketWorks, what we do, and how you can use it to learn about investing! (5:42)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEOuJVF0uY8&list=PLGnXZN8pfy97jm5Yj9smU8Sgwjlx511A&index=3&t=21s>
2. Learn about how to get around the site, and what you can do on some of the different pages. (4:44)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjFskyDwdYo&list=PLGnXZN8pfy97jm5Yj9smU8Sgwjlx511A&index=4&t=0s>
3. See how to trade stocks and ETFs on HowTheMarketWorks (2:01)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioZbRRAvZok&list=PLGnXZN8pfy97jm5Yj9smU8Sgwjlx511A&index=9&t=62s>
4. Once you have your first stock, see how to manage your portfolio! (5:34)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rysMDpuhGI&list=PLGnXZN8pfy97jm5Yj9smU8Sgwjlx511A&index=8&t=188s>
5. This is a quick tutorial showing how to use the HowTheMarketWorks advanced quotes tool to do all your stock research, all in one place! (8:02) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXLtowtQ0pI>
6. See how to trade mutual funds on HowTheMarketWorks. (1:41) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6e7-HGtpIqw&list=PLGnXZN8pfy97jm5Yj9smU8Sgwjlx511A&index=10&t=0s>
7. How to Pick Stocks – The Basics (article) – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.  
<https://education.howthemarketworks.com/how-to-pick-stocks/>

[www.finviz.com](http://www.finviz.com) is also a wonderful website to help find stocks/ETFs.

- Swing trading with finviz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8sNMhPJINU&t=32s>
- growth stocks with finviz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2rptGOMJcg&t=612s>
- value stocks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGSQNrY3g4U>
- dividend stocks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OSqEvtJENo&t=135s>