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Assessment:

Since I do not have a mentor yet, I decided to research interviews with economists. Through my research, I found a TedTalk on the role of law and economics in daily life. Through this interview, I was trying to understand how law and economics intersect in everyday life and how policies shape economic behavior. I wanted to see real-world examples of this relationship beyond theoretical concepts.

The law describes how the economy works. Pasko begins his speech by outlining his morning routine, comparing it to waking up at 6 am due to international law, that his waking time was due to his international job schedule. After, he talks about doing his laundry because his mother asked him to which was possible due to civil and constitutional laws. When he left for work, he stopped at a red light, following traffic laws. Lastly, he buys a water bottle, influencing the financial flow of money. One of the key highlights of Pasko's talk was his ability to connect seemingly mundane activities, which made me realize that economics and law are not just abstract ideas but deeply embedded in daily decision-making. His argument that laws should be designed intuitively to support economic activity rather than hinder it was particularly thought-provoking.

One thing that I found unexpected was his claim that laws can sometimes prevent ordinary people from making “normal trades in a natural way.” This made me question whether some regulations create unnecessary obstacles rather than facilitating economic transactions. It also led me to consider the relationship between regulation and market freedom. Thus, I will use this information to explore how specific laws affect economic efficiency and whether certain policies might unintentionally restrict economic interactions. This insight will be valuable as I continue my research into economics, specifically the intersection of political economics and law.

Through watching the interview, I realized that law is not just a set of rules but a framework that influences behavior, decision-making, and economic flows. It made me more curious about how different legal structures impact economic outcomes in various countries. This interview reinforced that studying economics isn't just about numbers and theories—it's about understanding the structures that govern real-life choices. It also made me more aware of the unintended consequences of legal frameworks and how better policy design can lead to a more efficient and fair economy.

So, as I plan my final product, I want to incorporate these insights from the interview by designing game mechanics that reflect real-world economic and legal principles. For example, I plan that I could introduce rules that demonstrate regulatory constraints or incentives, forcing players to strategize under different economic conditions. By doing so, my game will not only engage players in probability and game theory but also allow me to study how legal frameworks shape individual economic behavior.

Additionally, I want to make sure that my game challenges players to think critically about risk and strategy in an economic context. Similar to how laws influence economic decisions in real life, the rules in my game will shape how players make choices under uncertainty. This will allow me to explore key economic concepts like opportunity cost, expected value, and decision-making under constraints, making the game focused on economics.