How the Dow Jones industrial average fared Tuesday

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Fears of an escalating conflict in Syria rippled across financial markets on Tuesday, sinking stocks, lifting gold and pushing the price of oil to the highest in a year and a half. Oil surged 2.9 percent to \$109.01 a barrel, the highest closing price since February 2012.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 170.33 points, or 1.1 percent, to close at 14,776.13.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 26.30 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 1,630.48.

The Nasdaq composite was down 79.05 points, or 2.2 percent, to 3,578.52.

For the week:

The Dow is down 234.38 points, or 1.6 percent.

The S&P 500 is down 33.02 points, or 2 percent.

The Nasdaq has lost 79.27 points, or 2.2 percent.

For the year:

The Dow is up 1,671.99 points, or 12.8 percent.

The S&P 500 is up 204.29 points, or 14.3 percent.

The Nasdaq is up 559.01 points, or 18.5 percent.

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