

AP Economics

Economic Readings Assignment

This term assignment concerns the writings with different viewpoints on economics, debating the points and comparing the views. Books are chosen for many reasons including their view, the current trends and local issues.

Your selection list

- Adventure Capitalist by Jim Rogers
- Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
- The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
- Why Most Things Fail by Paul Ormerod
- The Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
- The Long Tail by Chris Anderson
- The White Man's Burden by William Easterly
- Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand
- Blink by Malcolm Gladwell
- The Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith
- The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World by Alan Greenspan
- The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism by Naomi Klein
- The J Curve by
- Consumed: How Markets Corrupt Children, Infantilize Adults, and Swallow Citizens Whole by Benjamin R Barber
- Generation Digital: Politics, Commerce, and Childhood in the Age of the Internet by Kathryn C Montgomery
- Wikinomics: How Mass Collaboration Changes Everything by Don Tapscott
- The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable by Nassim Nicholas Taleb
- The Panic of 1907: Lessons Learned from the Market's Perfect Storm by Robert F Bruner

After reading a book you will need to write a paper as stated below and have a short, 5 to 10 minute, discussion with me about the book.

The paper

- Formatting
 - Minimum 2 pages in length, maximum 4 pages in length
 - Double spaced
 - Standard font 12 point max
 - Standard margins
- The paper must have:
 - An organized paragraph structure with
 - An introduction
 - A well developed supporting paragraphs
 - A conclusion

- Questions you should think about when writing the paper
 - What major economic concepts does this book look at?
 - What is the opinion of the author on these points?
 - What data do they use to validate their points?
 - Does this agree or disagree with Classical Economic Theory?
 - Do you agree with the author? Why or why not?

Discussion

- Length
 - Three to five minute introduction
 - Three to five minute question and answer session
- The introduction
 - Cover the main economic points
 - The author's views
 - The data the author uses to support their views
- The Q & A
 - Any part of the book is open to questions
 - Your views may also be questioned

Grading

0	1	2			Report is grammatically correct and free of spelling errors
0	1	2	3	4	Explains the concepts in the book
			5	6	
0	1	2	3	4	Explains the author's opinions and data
0	1	2	3	4	Logical coherent critique of the books concepts
			5	6	
0	1	2			Has proper citations and notation
0	1	2	3	4	Verbal explanation
0	1	2	3	4	Ability to answer questions

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