

Written Assignment

The paper is an individual project where you will be focusing on analyzing core microeconomics variables delivered in a college level format paper.

You must try to convince the reader of any particular topic in economics using principles of microeconomics to substantiate your thesis.

Examples of previous titles include:

“Bitcoin will replace the USD”, “Bernie was right”, “The end of Google”, “Bitcoin is better than gold”, “WTI Over \$100 again”, “Trump will Fix the economy”, “Another Great Depression”.

- The paper must be submitted in a Microsoft word format
- No late submissions will be accepted for any reason, including technical, personal, or other
- After you submit the paper, you must make sure it's not a corrupt file
- Your paper must be your original work. If it is not, you will automatically fail the assignment
- You may not submit work you have presented in other courses (I will use software to test the originality of your paper). If you do, you will automatically fail the assignment
- The paper must contain between 800-1200 words
- You must include at least 2 charts found in the FRED (<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/>) database to substantiate your economic argument.
- You must include at least five sources in a works cited page (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/05/>)
- Your paper is due before Monday, April 27th - 11:59 pm (No late submissions will be accepted for any reason)
- Paper grades will only be transferred to Blackboard after the due date
- Double space your paper
- Include your graphs (not links to your graphs) in your paper
- Highlight each textbook vocabulary word you use on your paper
- You may not use quotes
- FRED does not count as one of your five required sources

Unsolicited Advice:

I suggest that you submit your paper early to prevent any unforeseen issues. Try to convince me of an economic issue you deeply care about or offer a solution to a problem in the economy we are encountering.

Rubrics for Paper				
Sections	20	15	10	5
Thesis	Argument is very well presented and well thought out. A logical framework is clearly presented. Makes strong arguments against opposing views.	Thesis carries logic but not a strong argument. Makes obvious arguments. Does not attack obvious opposing views.	Thesis is weak. Does not carry a well thought out plan.	Thesis is weak or nonexistent. Order is unclear or vague.
Organization	Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Information is organized with well-constructed paragraphs, but in different file types.	Information is organized, but paragraphs are not well constructed.	The information appears to be disorganized.
Charts and statistical facts	All charts are well built and use accurate, complete information with more than 30 years of data.	Some charts aren't well built OR miss some information with less than 30 years of data.	Some charts aren't built well with inaccurate information.	Many charts and statistical facts are not accurate or incomplete or some charts are missing.
Economic Analysis	More than 5 Economics vocabulary terms are used accurately, highlighted and used in the correct context.	At least 4 Economics vocabulary terms are used accurately, highlighted and used in the correct context.	At least 3 Economics vocabulary terms are used accurately, highlighted and used in the correct context.	No Economics vocabulary terms are used accurately or in the correct context.
Sources and references	More than five sources are cited	More than three sources are cited	Less than three sources are cited	No sources are cited