

Writing Assignment for Macro/Micro Economics

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The writing assignment that is required every semester is designed to challenge the students to articulate what they have learned throughout the semester by interpreting a published article from a media outlet or source. Specifically, they must find an article on the economy, current or otherwise, and re-write the message using models, theories and terms from the text book. The article found must be written for the average, non-economic person. Which is typical of most publications aside from academic journals. They then make it intellectual and academic by choosing applicable vocabulary that exhibits knowledge gained from the class. There is not a maximum or minimum number of terms and theories to use, but rather the quality of the analysis will be scrutinized. In other words, one theory or model is fine as long as it examined in depth.

What I have found in the past is that the best papers extend the message of the writer to greater depths of understanding of economic principles. Because I believe that economics is in everything we do, I look for an intellectual connection that exhibits a student's growth and knowledge.

The paper is to be 1 page in length and double spaced. This is short assignment designed to provoke thought not to write a bunch of words.

There is no required format, or cover page etc. That is at the students' discretion.