

Journal Assignment: 2016-2017

One of the goals of AP Economics is for you to become a well-informed citizen who is able to analyze the issues and problems facing the nation and to apply economic principles to the decision-making process. Analysis is the first step in the process of responsible citizenship. You need to evaluate and make recommendations. The purpose of this journal assignment is to analyze and make decisions about economic issues that are happening in the real world.

You must collect 5 articles.

EACH category must be covered with an article in the amount stated.

TOPICS:

Marking Period 1

Due Date: _____

1. Equilibrium Analysis
 - A1 & A2. Changes in Demand (2 articles)
 - B1 & B2. Changes in Supply (2 articles)
2. Opportunity Costs (1 article)

Marking Period 2

Due Date: _____

1. Employment Rate (1 article)
2. Inflation (1 article)
3. Consumer Price Index (1 article)
4. GDP (2 articles)
 - A1 & A 2

Marking Period 3

Due Date: _____

1. Interest Rates
2. The FED (Monetary Policy)
3. Fiscal Policy (pertaining to taxes to spending)
4. GDP
5. Supply and Demand

Marking Period 4

Due Date: _____

1. Globalization
2. Exchange Rates
3. GDP of foreign nations
4. The Federal Budget
5. Comparative Advantage

PROCEDURE:

1. *Cut out or Print Out* each article and include in journal. The ENTIRE article must be included in the journal. If your article is not included you will receive a no credit. You may cut and paste them into a word document to save space. Make sure you have the title and the author when you paste it into a word document. Your citation will give me the ability to look it up on the web if needed. If you are using an actual article from a newspaper or magazine please paste them onto a piece of paper neatly.
2. Number each article in regards to topics found above. Number them in order and put them in order as you analyze them. *Please put your project in order and be sure to write the topic number as stated on the front page.* If you do not do this I do not know what you are writing about.
3. Identify each article by title, date (**Use MLA format**) YOU MUST cite your sources. You will receive NO CREDIT for a journal that does not have sources. If you do not know MLA format you may seek assistance in the Library from Mrs. Finlayson. Some sources may be newspaper, news magazines, and business magazines. *Internet downloads from non-print sources may be permitted but you **must get them approved** by me. You **cannot** use a blog source. If this is used you will NOT receive credit.*
4. There are three parts to the Journal
 - a. Summarize the article briefly. The purpose of this is for you to tell me what the article is about.
 - b. Analyze your article based on the topic and the concepts we have covered in class. This is where you apply the topics we have learned in class to real world situations. You should use economic vocab in your analysis. This analysis is what is being illustrated on your graph.
 - c. **Graphs are required** You must use correctly labeled graphs and production possibilities models. Numbers are not necessary. The graphs you should use are the graphs we have learned in class. You are to analyze the article and create YOUR OWN graph based on your analysis. They must be typed
5. Check the accuracy of your graphs. Your grade is based on the correct labels on the graph. If you miss one label that means your **ENTIRE** graph is incorrect.
6. You must include the rubric on the front of your journal. Please print it from my webpage. If you **do not have a rubric attached your journal WILL NOT** be graded.
7. Your journal must be stapled before you enter my class.

MECHANICS:

1. **All entries must be typed. This includes your graphs.**
2. **Graphs must be properly labeled and they MUST BE TYPED. No written graphs will be accepted. If you do not know how to do this see me.**
3. **NO CREDIT will be given for work without sources.**
4. **You must include the rubric or your journal will not be graded- you can find this on my webpage. This should be the cover of your journal.**
5. **No late work will be accepted. If you come to school late the day that it is due you MUST drop it off. If you are absent the day the journal is due you need to get it to me the next morning in activity period.**