

**Summer Reading Essay**  
**Sisk**  
**AP Economics**

Essay Length: 2 to 4 pages

Due Date: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

1. Use your book you read for the summer and summarize the author's view about the field of Economics. What does he believe "comprises" Economics?
2. Pick a chapter from the book and discuss the author's viewpoint on a particular subject. Summarize his findings. You must then analyze the chapter. Look at what aspects he chose to study and look at the strengths and weaknesses of his study. Discuss whether you agree or disagree with his position. Make sure you are clear as to why you agree or disagree and try to cite some of your own experiences to back up your reasoning. Be careful though about how much you generalize!

If you are in both AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics you must write two essays about two different books. If you took Economics last year you must write your essay about a book that was NOT read last year in class.

Your essay should include an introduction, body and a conclusion. Please **PROOFREAD** your essay!!!!!! If you would like you can write a rough draft and show it to me ahead of time, and I'll help you with corrections. Make sure you **BACK-UP** whatever you say. You cannot make dangling statements and not back them up in the body of your paper. If you say, "I don't agree with Wheelan," you must tell me why you do not agree. As long as your reasons make sense and you back them up I cannot argue with them. Also use quotations from the book and other sources if necessary. A better paper has MORE quotations, although they must be **relevant** to what you are discussing. Complete this essay on your own. Do not discuss the book with other students before you turn in the paper! **MAKE SURE YOU CITE WHERE YOU GOT YOUR INFORMATION FROM!**

Cite your sources with parenthetical citations at the end of the sentence. If it is a direct quote or information from the main book your are analyzing put the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence, i.e. (45). If it is from another book please put the author's name and page number (Smith 45) and then put the full bibliographical information at the end of the paper.

Citation example (use this format to cite):

**In-text:** put this at the end of sentence or paragraph where you need to cite.  
(author, page #)

**Bibliography:**

author, title of article or book, publisher (or website if taken off website), page number(s), date.  
**As always this assignment falls under The Gunnery Honor Code. Let me know if you have any questions.**