

AP Macroeconomics
Summer Assignment, Information and Recommendations: 2016-17

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Advanced Placement Macroeconomics is a semester introductory course that gives students an understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. This course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and its components, economic indicators, inflation and unemployment, money and banking stabilization policies and the United States and world trade. It is designed to replicate the introductory Macroeconomics course taught in a university setting. The AP program prepares students for the future by giving them tools which will serve them well throughout their academic and post-academic career. For most students, AP courses require far more commitment and effort than those of an academic high school course. Typically, a successful AP student is organized, task-oriented, a proficient reader, able to prioritize their time and has consistent and strong parental support. To be adequately prepared for the class, students must:

- Be committed to success and maintain a positive attitude
- Read the assigned text
- Take notes on the assigned reading and formulate questions
- Complete any assigned problems or projects carefully
- Review the unit objectives to pinpoint areas of non-comprehension.

Movie Review Choices

Review one of the following films before the first day of school (**A Day - August 24th/B Day August 25th**). If you or someone you know subscribes to Netflix, then you should be able to find most of these using that source. You may watch in groups, but I expect the review to be completed by you independently:

- Too Big To Fail
- Inside Job
- The Big Short
- I.O.U.S.A.
- Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room
- Steve Jobs

Movie Review Format

- **Part I: Heading**
 - Your name
 - Film name
 - Copyright Date

Part II: Synopsis

- Write a one-page summary of the film and how you think it connects to this class.

Part III: Analysis

- Analyze the film. In your analysis (maximum one-page/double-spaced), you should include the following:
 - Film's importance
 - Economic concepts addressed in the film
 - Film's impact on your opinion of economics