

Summer Assignments 2019-2020 AP Macro Economic Students

You are responsible for knowing all the reading material. This is not designed to ruin your holiday, but to give you an overall view of what we will be studying. You should be able to knock this out in a few days. We will quiz over all reading material the first week back from summer break.

Because the *opportunity cost* (yep, that is a thing) of studying during one's summer break is very high and that you most assuredly will be dedicating much of this material to your short term memory, I would suggest that you begin reading a week before school begins. However, if you are inclined to begin this reading while at the beach, rumor has it that Economics readings are quite the conversation starter. Read with care and caution!

Here is what you requested...

1. Read **one** of the following: *Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt, *Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy* by Pietra Rivoli, *Superfreakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner or *Moneyball*, *The Big Short* or *Flash Boys* all of which are authored by Michael Lewis. If you are interested in behavioral economics *Phishing for Phools* by Akerlof and Shiller, *Nudge* and *Misbehaving* both written by Richard Thaler are awesome reads. These can be found at many of the local libraries or, if you wish to purchase, can be acquired 2nd hand at a very reasonable price from various online book sites. Pretty hip beach reads too. The paperbacks fit very easily into beach bags as well.
2. Pick a day to listen to Marketplace Morning Report, Marketplace, or Marketplace Money (WABE 90.1 on your FM dial while in the metro ATL area) or online at [//marketplace.publicradio.org](http://marketplace.publicradio.org). Write a brief summary (1/2 to 1 page) of a story or stories you listened to and give me your opinion/ take i.e... did you like it, dislike it, did you learn something, do you already know all there is to know, etc... P.S. I do not expect to read the same broadcast summary over and over again. If you like all this stuff login to <http://freakonomics.com/archive/> and check out a podcast or two just for fun.
3. From our textbook: I would like for you to have the first four modules (section 1) read before school starts (this is only 29 pages). Be prepared for a quiz over this material early in the first week of school. To ease back into the school year, I will allow you to have a single 3 x 5 flashcard of notes (front and back is okay) from these modules for this quiz. For the true learning experience, it is also best that you do your own work. This flashcard must be in your handwriting. No copy and pasting allowed.

My email should anyone wish to get in touch with me: decourcy.mark@mail.fcboe.org . As a general rule of thumb, I check my emails once a week or so during the summer.

Thanks for your apparent interest in the class! I am looking forward to getting started next year.