

Essay

ECO 1110 Current Economic Problems

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Essay Writing

As a part of the course, you are responsible for writing an essay, on a topic of your choice from a given list below. Every individual should only write an essay on **one** topic of her choice. You will be responsible for submitting your work on the blackboard using the file name in following way : **FIRST-NAME_LASTNAME.pdf**. **You will be tested on plagiarism, so prepare the essay in your own words instead of directly copying from the internet.** Here are the recommended questions that you should answer in your essay. These are by no means mandatory questions, but I believe this will help you follow a specific structure and will make the job easier for you.

1. Introduction of your choice of topic
2. Why did you choose this topic?
3. What is the historical context of the topic?
4. Operation and working (For example, if you are writing about social security, how does it operate?) : Consider it as the main part of your essay
5. Advantages and criticisms. (It is important that you recognize that not every policy is perfect and welcome the views that you do not like)
6. Conclusion (This should include your proposals. For instance, if you are writing about **social security**, then how can we make it better? If you are writing about **Oil crisis of 1970**, how could we have dealt with the situation in a better way?)

Requirements

- I strongly recommend you read this *essay writing guide* before you start working on your essay. Your essay should be typed and submitted in a PDF format.
- Your essay should be in font size 12pt and font type Arial.
- Your essay should be double spaced and should have page numbering.
- You must mention your name on the first page (TOP-LEFT).
- In addition to your original essay content, you must include a page at the end mentioning all the references you use to prepare your essay. The citation should follow APA style.
- Your essay should be of no more than 2500 words excluding the references.

Topics

- Social Security (The USA)
- Income Inequality in the USA
- Federal Reserve of the United States
- Medicare (The USA)
- Medicaid (The USA)
- Minimum Wage (The USA)
- The Dot-com Bubble
- The Great Depression
- The Great Recession
- 1970s Energy Crisis
- The Economic Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic

Alternatively, you can write an essay on the documentaries listed below with their links.

- Inside Job (2010)
- Panic : The untold story of the 2008 financial crisis
- Freakonomics
- The Rise and Rise of Bitcoin
- 1929 Stock Market Crash
- The Great Plague

If you do not find the aforementioned topics or the movies interesting enough to write an essay on, kindly send me an email suggesting your own topic and we can work on that.

Kindly let me know topic of your choice for an essay by **February 14th, 2022** via email.

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email on adesai@gradcenter.cuny.edu.