**Economic Thinkers Presentation**

**Overview:** Throughout the course you are going to be asked to critically evaluate economic theories. You are going to be asked to examine decisions made in the past, as well as make decisions based upon reason and your understanding of economic concepts about the future. To do this, you will need to demonstrate an understanding of various economic theories.

Assignment:

**Part 1 – Economic Thinker Presentation**

1. You will begin by being assigned to groups of 3 or 4.
2. You will then be assigned one of the following economic thinkers to research and present on.

Adam Smith Milton Friedman

David Ricardo John Kenneth Galbraith

John Maynard Keynes

Karl Marx

1. After you have chosen your thinker, you will conduct research about your thinker. You must find between 2 and 4 sources that are acceptable under our **Research Success Criteria** and one of the sources **MUST** be a Primary Source. You must cite all your information in your slides following MLA Guidelines and create a Works Cited Slide.
2. Find the following:

* **3 main theories your thinker had**
* **Explain those theories**
* **Real-world examples of those theories today**
* **Background information on your thinker**

1. After you have found the sources, you will create a Google Slides Presentation of between *8 and 10 minutes. Review the Presentation Success Criteria*

***Note:*** *All People involved in the presentation MUST speak (I cannot evaluate you if I have not heard you) and if you* ***make a slide please put your name on it****. I suggest that not all of you create the presentation and that some of you work on the summary/questions****.***

1. Share it with me on Google Slides.
2. Deliver your presentation.

***Note:*** *You are not delivering a summary of your economic thinker’s life and background; you are evaluating/analyzing their economic ideas.* ***Make connections to our world today. Give examples, use charts, videos and graphs that you explain.***

**Part 2 – The Presentation Summary**

1. You must also produce a 250 word ( ½ page single spaced) summary of your presentation to hand in and to which will be distributed on our website to other students to use for studying purposes. You must also hand in 5 questions that may appear on the **Quest** after all of the presentations are completed.
2. If you work on the summary make sure you put your name on it so that it can be evaluated.

**Part 3 – The Reflection**

1. Once you have completed the presentation you will be asked to write a short 150 - 250 word reflection on your learning. Some questions that you might consider answering in your reflection are:

* What did I learn?
* What did I do successfully?
* What was my role in the presentation?
* Who was the star of my group?
* What could my group have done to improve?
* Any other thing you feel that I should know.

**Evaluation**

*See the below rubric for evaluation. Note that each category is evaluated equally.*

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| Criteria | Level 1 50 – 59% | Level 2 60 - 69% | Level 3 70 – 79% | Level 4 80 – 100% |
| Knowledge  Do you demonstrate knowledge of your economic thinker’s philosophies in your presentation / summary?  (Presentation / Summary) | You demonstrate limited knowledge of your thinker’s philosophies. | You demonstrate some knowledge of your thinker’s philosophies. | You demonstrate considerable knowledge of your thinker’s philosophies. | You demonstrate thorough knowledge of your thinker’s philosophies. |
| Thinking  Do you find acceptable sources for your presentation?  (Presentation / Summary) | You incorporate 2 sources that meet our success criteria and 1 is a primary source. | You incorporate 3 sources that meet our success criteria and 1 is a primary source. | You incorporate 4 sources that meet our success criteria and at least 1 is a primary source. | You incorporate 5 sources that meet our success criteria and at least 2 are primary sources. |
| Communication  Do you effectively communicate your understanding of your economic thinker’s ideas during your presentation? (Presentation)  Did you reflect on your presentation? (Reflection) | You communicate your understanding of your economic thinkers ideas with limited clarity.  Your reflection has limited details and analysis. | You communicate your understanding of your thinker’s ideas with some clarity.  Your reflection has some details and analysis. | Your presentation is clear and easy to follow.  Your reflection has significant details and analysis. | Your presentation is very well presented with interesting and detailed analysis.  Your reflection has demonstrates a deep thought-provoking understanding of your presentation. |
| Application  Did you analyze and evaluate your thinker’s philosophies in your summary / presentation? (Presentation / Summary) | You demonstrate little critical thinking and most of what you present / summarize is a summary. | You demonstrate some ability to analyze your thinker’s philosophies. | You analyze and evaluate your thinker’s philosophies with considerable depth. | You make deep and meaningful connections between your thinker’s ideas and the real world. |

**Rubric For Evaluation** (Print and hand in before your presentation with your name)