

ASSIGNMENT: OUTLINE

Good	Satisfactory	Weak	
			Thesis statement (idea, goal of paper) and Quality of thesis
			Incorporate Peer Reviewer’s suggestions?
			Issues/Problems/Countries
			Follow rules of assignment?
			Quality/Quantity of Sources/Data used
			Mechanics: spelling, grammar, punctuation, proofreading
			Citations/Footnotes
			Overall

Assignment #2, Outline

This assignment has two parts:

A. For this assignment, each student is required to read and cite at least one academic economic publication, examples of which can be found below. (This academic economic article **MUST** be used and cited in the final report as well). The objective of this reading is for the student to become more familiar with the way economists write. Each student must submit the complete reference of the article read. Failure to do so will result in 5 points taken off the grade of the final report. Examples of academic economic publications are: The American Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamic and Control, Quarterly Journal of Economics, etc. (Publications such as the Economist or the Wall Street Journal do not qualify as academic publications but may be used as supplemental sources.)

B. You are required to submit a 2 to 3-page paper giving a clear outline of your project. It should contain:

1. The title of the report, your name, and ID number, as well as the date on which the report is turned in.
2. A clear introduction describing the topic you chose and the way you have decided to analyze it. The first sentence of your introduction should answer the question: what am I

trying to show in this paper? Remember you are not writing a mystery novel, so try to be clear. The introduction sets the tone of the paper, and an effective introduction tells the reader what is going to happen in the paper.

3. A summary of the main points of your argument is needed. Try to limit yourself to 3 main points. Separate each point by having different sections. Feel free to make subsections whenever needed.
4. The data set that you would like to use as empirical evidence for your paper.
5. A conclusion in which you restate the question you are analyzing, summarize the main points you have developed, and present the results you have drawn from that analysis.
6. A reference or bibliography section where you list the references you used to develop your arguments.
7. You may add an appendix if you have graphs or data or some mathematical derivation.

As before, be as clear and concise as possible. Present your main points as sharply as you can. Think carefully about the structure of your paper. Make sure your arguments are coherent.