

## **ESSAY FINAL DRAFT**

**1,000 words**

### **Topic**

Include one element from each of these three categories.

1. Choose an Economic Issue you can relate to.
2. Specify a Personal Aspect that relates you to the economic issue.
3. Choose an Economic Thinker who will help you understand the issue.

<b>Economic Issue</b>	<b>Personal Aspect</b>	<b>Economic Thinker</b>
Unemployment	Personal History	Adam Smith
Inflation	Personal Projects	Karl Marx
Poverty	Family History	John M. Keynes
New Technology	Neighbourhood	
Free Trade	Cultural Identity	
Taxes and Public Debt		
Over-Consumption		
Cartels – Price Fixing		

Sample topics:

*Karl Marx to My Unemployed Mom:  
Communism is the Solution Because Capitalism is Destroying our Economy.*

*While my Grandmother Complains About the Rising Price of Bread and Pasta,  
Keynes Argues Inflation is a Tax in Disguise*

*Adam Smith Would Not Care that  
the Sky-High Price of Gasoline Cancelled My Trip to France*

*My Grandfather can't Believe He's Lived Long Enough to Have an iPad;  
Adam Smith Would Not Be Surprised that Capitalism is so Innovative*

*Obama Took a Page from Keynes' Playbook:  
Increase Government Spending, Print Money... My Father is Worried the End is Near.*

*Everyone on my Street Has a Huge Flat-Screen TV;  
Why Adam Smith Would Believe Trade with Asia Is a Great Thing*

## Sources

You must quote and reference at least 4 sources.

- 1- An interview with a member of your family or community
- 2- An original book by Smith, Marx or Keynes.
- 3- An article from *The Economist* magazine (min. 2 pages).
- 4- An article from the French-language magazine *Les Affaires*.

## What to look for

### Adam Smith

The Theory of Moral Sentiments (1759)

An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations (1776)

### Karl Marx

Manifesto of the Communist Party (1848)

On the Question of Free Trade, Speech to the Democratic Association of Brussels (1848)

Capital, Volume I (Das Kapital) (1867)

### John M. Keynes

The Problem of Unemployment (1931)

General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money (1936)

**These books may be available in libraries (such as Dawson's), but also on the web in free to use html or pdf versions.**

## ALSO

### The Economist

[www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com)

### Les Affaires

[www.lesaffaires.com](http://www.lesaffaires.com)

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## Marks

Essay is worth 15 % of final grade (Marked on 45 pts)

One-third of marks go to **First Draft** (15 pts)

Two-thirds of marks go to **Final Draft** (30 pts)

- 6 pts for Structure
- 4 pts for Language (excluding spelling)
- 6 pts for Community Interview
- 6 pts for Summary of Great Economist
- 4 pts for Summary of The Economist
- 4 pts for Summary of Les Affaires

Negative Marks for:

- No French Citation (10 pts)
- Format Mistakes (2 pts each)

## Tricks to get full marks

- Don't write or quote something you don't understand.
- KISS: *Keep It Simple, Stupid*
- Give definitions of complex ideas and words as you go along.
- Use short sentences.
- Read your essay OUT LOUD before you submit it. You will notice typos and errors quickly.
- Have a friend or parent read your essay. If they don't understand something, explain it better.

## Specifications

12 pt Times New Roman

Typed, Printed, Double Spaced,

Annex: photocopy the two magazine articles and **staple** them to your essay.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TO THE TITLE PAGE OF YOUR PAPER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have not cheated on this assignment in any way. I have not plagiarized ideas, words or sentences without reference. I have not paid money for any part of this text. I have not allowed anyone to use this work as his own.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_