

Pre Sixth Form Tasks: Economics

TASK 1:

Read and make notes from **THREE** of these books:

1. A Little History of Economics - Niall Kishtainy
2. The Almighty Dollar: Follow the Incredible Journey of a Single Dollar to See How the Global Economy Really Works Hardcover - Dharshini Dav
3. 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism - Ha-Joon Chang
4. Consolations of Economics: How We Will All Benefit from the New World Order - Gerard Lyons
5. Economics: The User's Guide - Ha-Joon Chang
6. GDP: A Brief but Affectionate History - Diane Coyle
7. Made in Britain: How the nation earns its living - Evan Davis
8. Poor Economics: Rethinking Ways to Fight Global Poverty - Banerjee & Duflo
9. 50 Economics Classics – Tom Butler-Bowdon
10. Freakonomics – Steven Levitt

TASK 2:

- Use quality newspapers, such as *The Independent*, *The Guardian*, *Financial Times*
- Choose 2 articles per week throughout the holiday.
- The articles should be on Economic news stories, for example: the UK Economy, European events, a developing country etc.
- Summarise your findings using this table:

Article Name & Source	Summary of story	This article prompts me to ask questions about...

TASK 3:

Watch both TED Talks. Summarise your findings in the below table:

The dirty secret of capitalism (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th3KE_H27bs)

What is economic value? (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXrCeIQxWyc>)

<https://www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=economics>

TED Talk name	Summary of TED Talk	This article prompts me to ask questions about...

TASK 4:

Why is the study of Economics important?

Write a **one page minimum** document which summarises your opinion

Any questions please email Mr Knights (knightsb@aessex.co.uk)