

Reflection exercise 1

New Ideas from Dead Economists

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1 Please list in order the three *biggest* ideas you learned from reading about Adam Smith.

1.

2.

3.

2 Now explain why you believe the ideas should be in the order as in part 1.

1.

2.

3.

3 Imagine the world without division of labor. How do you think the following would be affected?

1. You:

2. The state of Alabama or Idaho:

3. United States:

- 4 In your opinion, how crucial is free market system as espoused by Adam Smith? Is it possible to have purely free markets today? Why or why not?
- 5 What is the “invisible hand”? According to Adam Smith, how does it prevent the need of a central authority to prevent the pursuit of individual self-interest from getting out of control?