

Writing Project Information

EC 303: Money and Banking

Spring 2022

You will write an essay about a newspaper article that you find relevant to the concepts you learn in class. The essay is short (no more than three double spaced typed pages) discussions of articles appearing in Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal, Project Syndicate, Reuters, or Yahoo! Finance (you can look for other options too). The typical essay is two to three pages.

The essay shall state the date, author and topic of the article (1st paragraph).

The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs (or additional paragraphs as is necessary) shall summarize and describe the key ideas of the article. This portion of the essay should discuss the relevant “economic or finance event(s)” or “issue” addressed in the article. (For example, it could be about how inflation expectations are driving interest rates higher or what would happen if Russia defaults on its loans.)

Finally, the essay should critically evaluate the economic/finance issue or concept that is addressed in the article. (For example, how the money supply growth during the COVID-19 pandemic led to lower interest rates or why the yield curve inverted in 2021.) In this latter part of the essay, you are expected to analyze the economic/finance issue or event through the tools and concepts learned in the class. For example, if the article is about the secular stagnation in Japan, then you would analyze why the supply curve of bonds in Japan could provide an explanation.

Feel free to pick any economic topic or event that you find interesting (that is the point) and be critical in your analysis. If the article states things that are inconsistent with ideas learned in class, point out the inconsistency. Finally, you must attach the article to your essay and cannot use an article discussed in class.

The due dates for the essay is Wednesday, April 27, 2022.