

Economics

Final Project: One Red Paper Clip

The most important part of your trading involves your ability to identify and explain the economic reasoning of your trades. To help you with this process you should follow the guidelines below.

1. Keep a record of all trades made (including photos of the items).
2. As you keep a record, start to identify economic terms that are relevant to each trade.
3. After trades are finished you should begin the writing process.
4. Use the list below to guide your writing. Be sure you address the correct number of terms in each category.
5. You must include ***definitions and graphs*** where is corresponds in this chart.

PFL & Econ Reasoning (5 terms)	Economic Systems & Gov. Intervention (8 terms)	Supply (4 terms)	Demand (6 terms)	Equilibrium (2 terms)	Market Structures (3 terms)	Macroeconomic indicators (2 terms)
Incentives (Pos/Neg/Perverse)	Command Economy	Law of Supply	Law of Demand	Graph a trade at equilibrium	Perfect Competition	GDP
Scarcity	Market Economy	Change in Qs (graph)	Change in QD (graph)	Effect of Price Ceiling	Monopolies	Business Cycle
Trade-offs	Economic Efficiency	Change in S (graph) - components of RESTT (each counts as one)	Change in D (graph) - components of TIMER (each counts as one)	Effect of Price Floor	Oligopolies	Inflation
Opportunity Cost	Economic Security	Resource Prices	Tastes/Preference	Elastic/Inelastic	Cartels	Unemployment
Marginal Decision Making (MC v. MB)	Economic Equity	Expectations (for supply)	Income		Price Discrimination	
Diminishing marginal utility	Economic Freedom	Sellers	Market Size			
Needs/Wants	Economic Growth	Taxes & Subsidies	Expectations (for demand)			
Net v. gross income	Economic Sustainability	Technology	Related Goods- Subs			
Interest	Property Rights		Related Goods- Compliments			
	Tragedy of the Commons					
	Externalities (Pos/Neg)					
	Market Failures					

Rubric:

Please read this rubric carefully and do not leave anything missing on your project. If you have questions, ask!

Benchmark	Description	Score/Comments
Exceeds Standard	Final product uses 30 terms. All terms are clearly defined and applied to the process of trading in paragraph form (not listed). All terms are applied accurately and the record of trades demonstrates a strong understanding of economic reasoning. The final product is neat, organized, and shows evidence of time and effort.	100-90
Meets Standard	The final product may use less than 30 terms or uses some terms incorrectly . Some or all terms are listed and not incorporated into a thoughtful paragraph . Some explanations may be vague or generic; however most terms are applied appropriately and reflect a basic understanding of economic reasoning. The final product is fairly organized and reflects some effort.	89-70
Below Standard	The final product does not use an appropriate number of terms or may use many terms incorrectly. Many explanations are vague and do not demonstrate an understanding of economic concepts. The written explanations may confuse or incorrectly identify terms. Economic reasoning is weak or inaccurate. The final product may lack organization and evidence of effort.	69-below