

AP Economics: Summer reading assignment

As an introduction (or refresher) on basic economic concepts, I would like you to read Charles Wheelan's [Naked Economics: Undressing the dismal science](#) (Norton, 2010). Some of you may have read this if you took the elective Economics class, but even so, it will be a good refresher.

During the first week of school (not the first day, but definitely before the end of the week) you will be taking a test of approximately 100-125 multiple choice questions from the book. The questions will include

- 7-10 questions taken from each of the 13 chapters (major themes, examples, topics)
- 4-5 questions taken from the introduction and/or epilogue of the book

If you read and take notes on the book, as well as study, you should do fine on the test. If you read the book 2 years ago and think you will be able to remember it, you will probably do poorly. Obviously, if you do not read at all, you will also do poorly. This will be your first major test grade of the year and will have a major bearing on your first marking period grade.

A new edition of this book was just published in 2010 and is available for purchase on Amazon for approximately \$12. It is an updated version of the book we use in the elective class. You are welcome to borrow a 2002 edition for the summer to use (you will fill out a book card and return it when we take the test the first week of class), but bear in mind that the old edition may be different from the new one. I would suspect that much of the text is the same, but I know he added one chapter to the new edition and updated his examples in the existing chapters. So when preparing for our test, it would be advisable to get your hands on the 2010 edition, as the test will be generated from the new version. Plus, if you have your own copy, you will be able to underline and write notes in it, and you will be able to keep it for college and beyond (you will enjoy reading it, so this will be a book that you will want to have moving forward). The new edition has a white cover, as opposed to the green cover we are accustomed to.

E-mail me if you have any questions: dszostak@shsd.org, and check for a class SchoolFusion page popping up this summer. Happy Reading!