

Assignment #1 - Finance in the News

Requirements:

1. Find a short article in a newspaper, magazine, journal or online which discusses the current economic situation. It must be current!! Written since June 2012.
2. Submit a hardcopy of your article for approval by March 11th at noon. Articles will be approved on a first come, first served basis and each student requires a unique article.
3. Post your article to the Bulletin Board on ANGEL. If you have a hardcopy of your article you will need to scan your article and then post it.
4. Provide a short summary of your article, 300-500 words including: **background information from other sources, why the article is interesting and how the article relates to the material in this course.** Be sure to include where you got the article from and the date it was retrieved or printed. Posting is due March 15th at midnight.
5. Moderate an online discussion of your article. It is best to start by posing a question about your article which does not have a yes/no answer. Post your question by March 15th at midnight. Try to make it an open ended or opinion based question. You then respond to the answers/comments posted by other students and the instructor.
6. Read and respond to other students' postings. You must respond to at least 2 other articles with postings which are well-thought out and approximately 100 words in length. **Focus on finance issues.** Responding to additional articles will improve your grade. You must respond by March 31st at midnight and complete your moderation by April 7th at midnight.

Grading:

This assignment is worth 5% of your course grade.

Your grade will be based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Summary of article | 40% |
| • Accurately summarizes key points and addresses above issues | |
| • Properly cited (see resource on ANGEL) | |
| • Appropriate length | |
| • Proper spelling and grammar | |
| • Posted on time | |
| 2. Opening discussion question | 10% |
| 3. Moderation of discussion | 30% |
| • All questions addressed in a professional manner | |
| 4. Participation in other discussions | <u>20%</u> |
| • All comments posted in a professional manner | 100% |