

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight and complete your moderation by April 7<sup>th</sup> 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%       |