Thinking Like an Economist (Macro)
Section

Please sign up for one of the following Thinking Like an Economist questions. You are expected to find at least two articles on this issue and write a one to two pages report on the topic by DEC 3. You will also make a short (one to two minutes) presentation about the topic in class. Up to TWO students can sign up for each topic. Use statistics and other evidence to support your answer.

Section I

1. Why is college becoming so expensive?
   On August 24 by Dr. Wachsman

2. Are economic changes making Americans fat?
   On August 27 by Dr. Wachsman

3. Why do so many Americans drive SUVs while most Europeans and Japanese drive small cars?
   Due Date: Aug 31

4. Why is income inequality growing in the United States?
   Due Date: Sept 5

5. Why is healthcare becoming so expensive?
   Due Date: Sept 7

6. Should people be made to buy car and health insurances?
   Due Date: Sept 10

7. Why is the housing market in a slump?
   Due Date: Sept 12
Section II

8. Why are so many people getting divorced?  
*Due Date: Sept 21*

9. Why is corporate profit at its highest point in history?  
*Due Date: Sept 24*

10. Should the government give vouchers for private schools?  
*Due Date: Sept 26*

11. Why did the labor force participation rate increased in the last 60 years?  
*Due Date: Sept 28*

12. Is off shoring jobs bad for the Americans?  
*Due Date: Oct 1*

13. What economics consequences does immigration have on the United States?  
*Due Date: Oct 3*

14. Why is social security likely to collapse and should social security be privatized?  
*Due Date: Oct 5*
Section III

15. Why do Americans work so much more than Europeans?
_Due Date: Oct 15_

16. Why did Americans stop saving?
_Due Date: Oct 17_

17. How come the United States is in so much debt?
_Due Date: Oct 22_

18. Should minimum wage be raised or abolished?
_Due Date: Oct 24_

19. How and why did money develop (discuss the history of money)?
_Due Date: Oct 26_

20. Why did the Fed recently decrease interest rates?
_Due Date: Oct 29_

21. Why do many countries in Africa fail to develop?
_Due Date: Oct 31_
Section IV

22. Why is the U.S. growing at a faster rate than Europe?
**Due Date:** Nov 9

23. Will China become the next superpower (discuss China’s economic growth)?
**Due Date:** Nov 12

24. What effects did the tariff on steel have and why did President Bush impose it?
**Due Date:** Nov 14

25. Why does the U.S. have such a large trade deficit?
**Due Date:** Nov 16

26. Did the United States benefit or suffer from NAFTA?
**Due Date:** Nov 26

27. What are the consequences of legalizing drugs?
**Due Date:** Nov 28