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SUNY Broome –ECO 111 – Introduction to Macroeconomics
Current Events Assignment

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Here are the following requirements:

1. **Select an article** from a periodical of your choice (from a newspaper or journal – you may use the Internet to find a reputable source). Be sure to choose an article that interests you! The article must be about the public policy issue or macroeconomic issue provided (see the back side of this handout) unless otherwise notified. You may choose a subtopic related to that topic, for example if the topic is fiscal policy, you may choose an article that relates to taxes or spending.
2. **Annotate the article**, making sure to write the gist in the margins, underline words that repeat, and box/circle words you are unsure of or don't know and finding a short definition or synonym
3. You must **write a summary and opinion analysis** of the article, which includes:
 - a. The actual article cut out or printed from a reputable news source that has been annotated.
 - b. The title of the article, author of the article, date it was published, and source (newspaper).
Format provided on the back

Ex. “Low Interest Rates Worry the Fed. Ben Bernanke Has Some Ideas.”
By Jeanna Smialek, Jim Tankersley and Ben Casselman
January 4, 2020
The New York Times
 - c. Summary of the article developed from your annotation of the text, including the following guidelines:
 - i. Maintain a neutral tone; be objective
 - ii. Keep your focus on the text. Do not state the author's ideas as if they were your own.
 - iii. Put all or most of your summary in your own words; if you borrow a phrase or a sentence from the text, put it in quotation marks.
 - iv. Limit yourself to presenting the text's key points.
 - v. Be concise and make every word count.
***at least 10 developed sentences**
 - d. Explain your personal opinion (**at least 8 developed sentences**) while analyzing what the article was written about (what impact could the issue have on you or anyone else). This should be the most prolific portion of your summary. You will be asked to think critically about the article chosen and be ready to discuss its contents intelligently.
 - e. The summary must be @ 1 ½ pages, typed and double spaced (12 in. font and 1 in. margins)

Each of these assigned summaries will be collected, discussed and graded out of 50 points.

**If there are any questions about the assignment (appropriate article, written summary?), please ask!
Good Luck!**

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The rest of the current event summary should start here with one double space between the citation and the first paragraph (at least 10 sentences).	
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- Current Events Topics for Spring 2020:
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 2. **Opportunity Cost (2/13) *Thursday**
 3. **GDP (3/5) *Thursday**
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 5. **Inflation (3/20)**
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 7. National Debt (5/1)

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