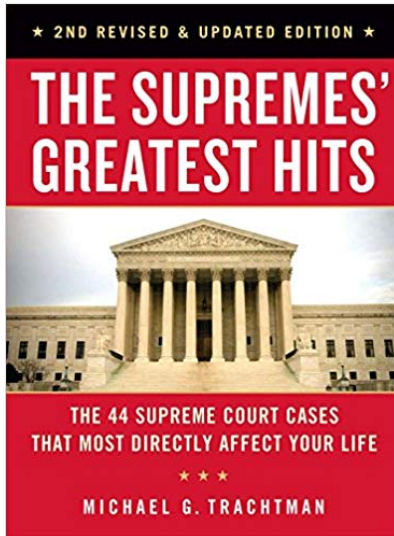
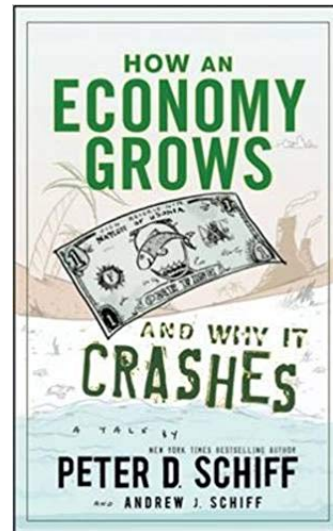


AP US Government and Politics / AP Macroeconomics

Greetings AP Government and Macroeconomics students! As part of this course you will be expected to read *The Supremes' Greatest Hits, 2nd Revised & Updated Edition: The 44 Supreme Court Cases That Most Directly Affect Your Life* by Michael Trachtman. You should also read *How an Economy Grows and Why it Crashes* by Peter Schiff. You can find the Amazon links below.



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In advance of your beginning this course this coming fall, your work with these books will help you understand the nature and complexity of our political and economic systems before undertaking its formal study. Moreover, I hope to broaden your knowledge of these fields by helping make the complex more simple and the intricate interesting. It is my hope that in anticipation of taking AP US Government and Macroeconomics, you will not only enjoy the subject matter of the book but you will also make your AP experience more meaningful.

Note Taking Guide

First: Read a section of the text. Read just enough to keep an understanding of the material. Do not take notes, but rather focus on understanding the material. It is tempting to take notes as you are reading the first time, but this is not an efficient

technique: you are likely to take down too much information and simply copy without understanding.

Second: Review the material. Locate the main ideas, as well as important sub-points. Set the book aside. Paraphrase this information: Putting the textbook information in your own words forces you to become actively involved with the material.

Third: Write the paraphrased ideas as your notes. Do not copy information directly from the textbook. Add only enough detail to understand. Review and compare your notes with the text, and ask yourself if you truly understand.

You will not be graded on the length or depth of your notes, but on your ability to have conversations regarding the material throughout the year. This is meant as a primer to the course, not as a stand-alone assignment.

I will be available to assist you throughout the summer via e-mail at:

eweeks@tvsnaples.org. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance! Have a wonderful summer, and I will see you in August.

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