

Wilbraham & Monson Academy

AP Macroeconomics - 2024

Summer Assignment

Overview:

Planet Money Summer School podcast will provide some knowledge and background of the fundamental concepts we will be learning in depth in AP Macroeconomics. It is designed to begin to help you see the world through an economist's lens and recognize that economics is happening all around you. This assignment will have you transform two of these podcasts, designed for your ears (listening), into a visual digital poster presentation to communicate your understanding of the key concept(s).

Learning Outcomes:

- At the completion of this summer assignment, you will be able to ...
 - Identify the key concept(s) in *Planet Money Summer School* podcasts.
 - Interpret and summarize the concept(s) from a podcast using quotes from the podcast, brief explanations within the context of the podcast (not outside research), and digital graphics you create or find on the internet.
 - Organize and assemble the above information into a digital poster using titles and subheadings.

Assignment:

- Below you will find eight episodes of *Planet Money Summer School* from the summer of 2022, all are related to macroeconomics.
- Listen to all eight podcasts. Each is about 30 minutes long. Then choose two podcasts that you found particularly interesting.
- For these two podcasts, you will develop two digital posters, one for each podcast. For each podcast poster you must:
 - Identify the key concept(s) in the podcast. The key concept(s) of the podcast identifies the purpose and the important information that needs to be conveyed in your poster.
 - Use quotes from the podcast, brief explanations within the context of the podcast (no additional research is necessary or allowed), and digital graphics you create and/or find on the internet to capture and convey the important information about the concept(s) and increase the audience's understanding.
 - Effectively organize and assemble the above information into a digital poster using titles and subheadings.
- You can use Google Slides, Powerpoint, and Canva, to name a few, for making digital posters. You can search the internet for "how to make a poster using Google Slides," "how to make a poster using PowerPoint," and/or "how to make a poster using Canva."
- The dimensions of your digital poster should be 36" x 48" or 42" x 56".
- This [Poster Rubric](#) will be used to evaluate your posters.
 - In the category *Sources* the rubric states "All sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented." Because your quotes and brief explanations must be in the context of the podcast, no additional research is necessary or allowed. That means you are not allowed to use any resources, including the internet and generative artificial

intelligence, like ChatGPT. These podcasts are designed to make concepts very understandable, so it really should not be necessary to do any additional research to further your understanding.

- As for graphics and images that you find on the internet for your poster, develop a graphics citation page on a separate Google or Word document.
- This is due on the first day of class. You will upload your digital posters during the first class.

Podcasts:

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Alex Blumberg, Chana Joffe-Walt, “SUMMER SCHOOL 1: Recessions & Rap Battles.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 14 July 2022, Season 3 Episode 1, <https://www.npr.org/2022/07/14/111542827/summer-school-1-recessions-rap-battles>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Jacob Goldstein, David Kestenbaum, “Planet Money Summer School 2: GDP & What Counts.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 20 July 2022, Season 3 Episode 2, <https://www.npr.org/2022/07/20/1112482124/planet-money-summer-school-2-gdp-what-counts>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Sonari Ginton, Adam Davidson, Alex Blumberg, “Planet Money Summer School 3: Booms, Busts & Us.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 27 July 2022, Season 3 Episode 3, <https://www.npr.org/2022/07/27/1114130282/planet-money-summer-school-3-booms-busts-us>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Alex Blumberg, Chana Joffe-Walt, “Planet Money Summer School 4: Inflation & Drinking Buddies.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 3 August 2022, Season 3 Episode 4, <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/03/1115430369/planet-money-summer-school-4-inflation-drinking-buddies>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Chana Joffe-Walt, Adam Davidson “Planet Money Summer School 5: Car Parts, Celery & The Labor Market.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 10 August 2022, Season 3 Episode 5, <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/10/1116825744/planet-money-summer-school-5-car-parts-celery-the-labor-market>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Marianne McCune, Caitlin Kenney, Zoe Chace, “Planet Money Summer School 6: Trade & The Better Life.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 17 August 2022, Season 3 Episode 6, <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/17/1118017763/planet-money-summer-school-6-trade-the-better-life>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), Robert Smith, Jacob Goldstein, David Kestenbaum, “Planet Money Summer School 7: The Fed & Volcker’s Socks.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 24 August 2022, Season 3 Episode 7, <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/24/1119331894/planet-money-summer-school-7-the-fed-volckers-socks>

Stacey Vanek Smith (Host), David Kestenbaum, Jacob Goldstein, “Planet Money Summer School 8: Productivity & Getting Lit.” *Planet Money Summer School*, 31 August 2022, Season 3 Episode 8, <https://www.npr.org/2022/08/31/1120364348/planet-money-summer-school-8-productivity-getting-lit>