Wilbraham & Monson Academy
AP Macroeconomics - 2025
Summer Assignment

Overview:

The *Planet Money Summer School: Macroeconomics* podcast series offers valuable insights into fundamental concepts that we will explore in depth throughout AP Macroeconomics. This assignment is designed to help you begin thinking like an economist by recognizing economic principles at work in everyday life. You will demonstrate your understanding of all eight podcasts through a summative quiz that will be taken on the first day of class. This quiz will assess your comprehension of the key economic concepts presented across the entire series.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this summer assignment, you will be able to

- Apply critical listening skills to extract key economic concepts and important details discussed in all eight *Planet Money Summer School* podcasts.
- Compile the key economic concepts and important details into a set of notes that will be submitted and utilized for a quiz on the first day of class.

Assignment:

- Below are eight episodes of *Planet Money Summer School: Macroeconomics* from the summer of 2022, all related to macroeconomics.
- Listen to all eight podcasts. Each is about 30 minutes long.
- While listening to the podcasts, take clear notes and extract key economic concepts and important details discussed.
- On the first day of class. You will upload your notes to Canvas. You will also be permitted to use your notes to complete a summative quiz of all eight podcasts.

Podcasts:

Planet Money Summer School: Macroeconomics

- Planet Money Summer School 1: Recessions & Rap Battles
- Planet Money Summer School 2: GDP & What Counts
- Planet Money Summer School 3: Booms, Busts & Us
- Planet Money Summer School 4: Inflation & Drinking Buddies
- Planet Money Summer School 5: Car Parts, Celery & The Labor Market
- Planet Money Summer School 6: Trade & The Better Life
- Planet Money Summer School 7: The Fed & Volcker's Socks
- Planet Money Summer School 8: Productivity & Getting Lit