

## AP Macroeconomics and Microeconomics Summer Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to give you a unique perspective about some topics we will be covering in class. As you listen to the podcasts you will hear economists talk about everyday topics and concepts. The episodes vary in length, but this assignment should take no longer than 3-4 hours to complete, including listening time.

For this assignment, you will be selecting and listening to a podcast and applying some basic economic concepts. Go to Freakonomics Radio, available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast sources, and scroll through the available podcasts. Pick three (3) of the following episodes that interest you. Listen to the entire podcast.

- Episode 500: What exactly is College For?
- Episode 468: Nap Time for Everyone!
- Episode 298: Everything you Always Wanted to Know About Money (But Were Afraid to Ask)
- Episode 246: How to Get More Grit in Your Life
- Episode 242: Is the World Ready for a Guaranteed Basic Income?
- Episode 171: There's No Such Thing as a Free Appetizer
- Episode 169: Failure is Your Friend
- Episode 167: The Three Hardest Words in the English Language

All of your answers should be in the following format:

a. Number of selected podcast:

b. Title of selected podcast:

c. Date of selected podcast:

1. In one full paragraph, please summarize your podcast. (A summary is defined as "a brief statement or account of the main points of something" - in other words, what did the speakers discuss?)

2. What are 5 important statistics, figures or facts from the podcast? (bullet point answers are fine for this question)

3. In paragraph form, what is your big takeaway from the show? (Was there an "ah ha" moment for you, or something that really moved you? Something you found upsetting, strange or new? This is more of an analysis of an idea presented in the podcast.)