

Final Assignment (Paper)

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Due Dec 15 by 11:59pm **Points** 100 **Submitting** a file upload

You have three options:

A) Final Only; Test is = 400 points

B) Final & Paper NO Presentation; Final is = 200 & Paper is = 200 points

C) Final & Paper & Presentation; Final is = 200 & Paper is = 100 & Presentation is = 100 points

If you select option B (final is 200 points and paper is 200 points) or option C (final is 200, paper is 100 points and presentation is 100 points), please submit your final paper here. If you choose option A and are only taking the final, you can ignore this submission it will not affect your grade.

You ONLY need to answer ONE of the two questions (listed below):

You are an economic consultant and have been hired to give recommendations to the following problem. Convince the FOMC or "The FEDS" to implement your suggestions.

- Why should they do this?
- Give examples/ideas
- It has to make \$ sense to them!
- You are "selling" this idea. How do you convince the decision makers they should do this?

Your report should include an Executive Summary as well as a full report.

In the executive summary and in the report, give the BLUF! (Bottom Line Up Front)

Full Report Format:

- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
 - BLUF, details, conclusion
- Full Report
 - BLUF, details, conclusion
- Addendum, Appendix, and/or Exhibits
- Sources

QUESTIONS:

Question #1

The country in almost all locations is booming! Unemployment is low, spending is high & savings are

low, and inflation is at 6.5%. The FED target range is at 2-3% and yet inflation numbers continue creeping up.

EXCEPT the gulf states are recessing and are expecting a severe recession due to a recent devastating hurricane (similar to Katrina) that took out nearly all industry including 100% of the oil and fishing companies.

You are a voting member of the FOMC. What analysis would you do and what recommendations would you give for the next vote?

Question #2

Social Security is forecast to run out of money in the next 15 years. Moreover, more and more citizens are not saving for retirement citing low wages, high inflation, high taxes (including the social security tax), and increased housing prices.

You have been hired by "The Feds" to consult on better policy that will

A) continue the viability of Social Security and

B) entice citizens to plan for and invest on their own for retirement. What analysis would you do and what recommendations would you give?