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Writing Assignment

LEGEND

g: grammar, and more specifically....

ss- sentence structure

p- punctuation

sp- spelling

w-wording/word agreement

svc- subject/verb conjugation (or vc-verb conjugation)

vf- vt- verb form/verb tense (or simply t for tense)

General Comments

- Grammar is typically rather poor. I suggest that you READ OUT LOUD what you wrote, and you will "hear" that things are not right. Most of you would not verbally express the concept/ideas/information you summarized in your draft the way you expressed them in writing. That is to say: verbally, you would conjugate verbs correctly, and use better sentence structure than you did in your writing. Reading out loud what you wrote could be a first step toward improving your writing.
- Economic content/analysis (written summary of economic content and graphical analysis): typically weak. What are the **MAIN** points of economic interest in the article? How does the basic information in the article translate graphically, in terms of demand/supply changes? Discuss your graph for the reader!
- Finally: you received specific instructions concerning this writing assignment. For example, you need to have two introductory paragraphs and they should be used to SUMMARIZE the main points raised in the article. Some of you have written very long, redundant paragraphs, with much repetition and poor style. It is not the length of your writing that matters; style and content do matter. Additionally, you will lose points if you do not follow the instructions concerning font, indentation, margins, etc.