Grading for this assignment will be based on answer quality, logic / organization of the paper, and language and writing skills, using the following rubric.

Points: 175	Assignment: The Key Concepts in Economics				
Criteria	Unacceptable Below 60% F	Meets Minimum Expectations 60-69% D	Fair 70-79% C	Proficient 80-89% B	Exemplary 90-100% A
1. Identify at least four (4) key points of a relevant economic article from either the Strayer Library or a newspaper. The article must deal with any course concepts covered in Weeks 1-8. Weight: 20%	Did not submit or incompletely identified at least four (4) key points of a relevant economic article from either the Strayer Library or a newspaper.	Insufficiently identified at least four (4) key points of a relevant economic article from either the Strayer Library or a newspaper.	Partially identified at least four (4) key points of a relevant economic article from either the Strayer Library or a newspaper.	Satisfactorily identified at least four (4) key points of a relevant economic article from either the Strayer Library or a newspaper.	Thoroughly identified at least four (4) key points of a relevant economic article from either the Strayer Library or a newspaper.
2. Apply one (1) of the stated economic concepts to the key points that you highlighted in Question 1. Weight: 25%	Did not submit or incompletely applied one (1) of the stated economic concepts to the key points that you highlighted in Question 1.	Insufficiently applied one (1) of the stated economic concepts to the key points that you highlighted in Question 1.	Partially applied one (1) of the stated economic concepts to the key points that you highlighted in Question 1.	Satisfactorily applied one (1) of the stated economic concepts to the key points that you highlighted in Question 1.	Thoroughly applied one (1) of the stated economic concepts to the key points that you highlighted in Question 1.
3. Explain how the concept that you identified in Question 2 could affect the U.S. economy. Weight: 20%	Did not submit or incompletely explained how the concept that you identified in Question 2 could affect the U.S. economy.	Insufficiently explained how the concept that you identified in Question 2 could affect the U.S. economy.	Partially explained how the concept that you identified in Question 2 could affect the U.S. economy.	Satisfactorily explained how the concept that you identified in Question 2 could affect the U.S. economy.	Thoroughly explained how the concept that you identified in Question 2 could affect the U.S. economy.
4. In your concluding paragraph, state whether you agree or disagree with the economic article identified in Question 1. Provide a rationale for the response. Weight: 20%	Did not submit or incompletely stated whether you agree or disagree with the economic article identified in Question 1. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for the response.	Insufficiently stated whether you agree or disagree with the economic article identified in Question 1. Insufficiently provided a rationale for the response.	Partially stated whether you agree or disagree with the economic article identified in Question 1. Partially provided a rationale for the response.	Satisfactorily stated whether you agree or disagree with the economic article identified in Question 1. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for the response.	Thoroughly stated whether you agree or disagree with the economic article identified in Question 1. Thoroughly provided a rationale for the response.
5. 3 references Weight: 5%	No references provided	Does not meet the required number of references; all references poor quality choices.	Does not meet the required number of references; some references poor quality choices.	Meets number of required references; all references high quality choices.	Exceeds number of required references; all references high quality choices.
6. Clarity, writing	More than 8	7-8 errors	5-6 errors	3-4 errors	0-2 errors

mechanics, and formatting requirements Weight: 10%	errors present	present	present	present	present