

Econ 4171: Essay 2 Topics

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The first draft of Essay 2 is due April 8th 2004, in class. It should be about five pages long (see the [syllabus](#) for details). Briefly summarize the contents of your reading (in at most two pages), and then discuss your reactions to and opinions of the reading. Try to relate your reading to subjects we covered so far. Support your critique with clear, logically organized arguments. On April 8th, bring **2 copies** of your essay to class. Your essay will be reviewed by one of your fellow students. **The final draft, which must incorporate the feedback you received, is due April 15th 2004, in class.**

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME TO MY OFFICE HOURS TO DISCUSS YOUR FIRST DRAFT BEFORE IT IS DUE. CHOOSE ONE OF THESE TOPICS (DIFFERENT FROM YOUR CHOICE FOR ESSAY 1):

- [Bentham, 1789] chapters [I](#), [II](#), [III](#), [IV](#) (notion of utility)
- [Marx, 1863] [chapter IV](#) section 1-6 (surplus value)
- [Mill, 1848] [Book 3](#) chapters 1,2,3 (value)
- [Ricardo, 1817] [Chapter 1](#) (value)
- [Smith, 1776] [Book I](#) chapters 1,2,3 (division of labor)
- [Smith, 1776] [Book I](#) chapters 4,5,6,7 (money and price)
- [Smith, 1776] [Book V](#) chapter I part III Article II (“Of the Expence of the Institutions for the Education of Youth”)
- [Smith, 1776] [Book IV](#) chapter VII part III (“Of the Advantages which Europe has derived from the Discovery of America, . . .”)

- [Veblen, 1899] [chapters I,II,III,IV](#) (“conspicuous” leisure and consumption)
- [Fisher, 1896] available on JSTOR
- [Marshall, 1897] available on JSTOR
- [Veblen, 1898] available on JSTOR
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