

## RWBA Summer Work Template:

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**Course:** A Level Economics

**Objective:** To start working and thinking like an economist

**Activity:** Research task

**Time to be allotted to this task:** 2 Hours

*NOTES: Work can be typed or handwritten, name on the top, to be handed in on the first lesson in September*

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### **TASK:**

1. Find two news articles (you can get them from the internet but they must be from news websites) which relate to something happening in the UK economy within the last six months. It could be to do with new house sales, unemployment rising or growth figures being announced. The impact of the General Election will be a major influence on the UK economy at the moment and for a long time to come. Summarise the article in your own words and explain
  - Why you chose the article – this is really important that you convey why the article attracted you and why.
  - Note down any economic terms you come across and then find out the definitions
  - Quote the source
2. In order to understand the economic environment we are living in it is useful to study economic indicators. Can you find the figures for March, April, May, June and July for the following UK indicators
  - Inflation
  - Interest rates
  - Unemployment

Don't worry if you do not yet know what these terms/figures mean. This is what you will learn about in Y12. Create a spreadsheet to record the figures so that you can track a trend.



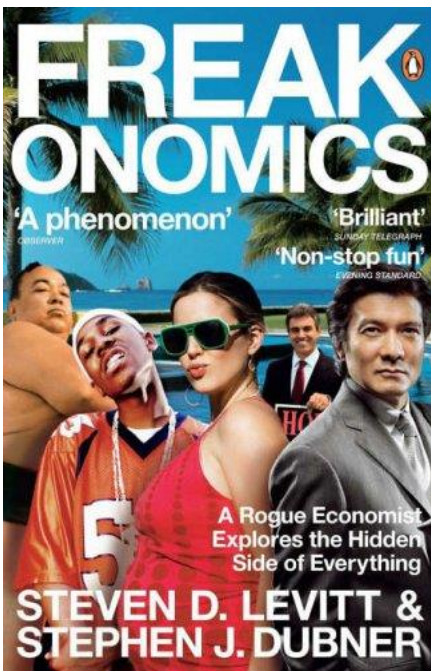
3. Try and engage with some extra economics through either podcasts or reading around the subject.

**Economics in ten** – a good series of podcasts that examines the lives, times and ideas of the world’s greatest economic thinkers. Maybe dip into a couple and note key points.

Look at the following video clip and make notes on the basic economic problem

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=W9ljkFC9Tg>

This book is one of several which provide an interesting, often comedic look at economics in the modern world.



Just make sure that you keep a record of all the economics sources you have accessed and the key points you found from them. Put together a folder which then can be brought in when we start back at school.

