

ECONOMICS Wider Reading List



Student Name:

Target Grade:

This is a selection of books for ECONOMICS enrichment and extension reading;

1. **Doughnut Economics** (Kate Raworth) – challenges much of orthodox thinking in the subject
2. **23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism** (Ha-Joon Chang) – challenges conventional thinking
3. **Alibaba: The House that Jack Ma Built** (Duncan Clark) – The rise of the Chinese corporate giant
4. **Almighty Dollar** (Dharshini David) – follows the journey of a single \$ to show how the global economy works
5. **Capitalism Without Capital: The Rise of the Intangible Economy** (Haskel and Westlake)
6. **Capitalism: 50 Ideas You Really Need to Know** (Jonathan Portes) – compact and excellent reference material
7. **Growth Delusion: The Wealth and Well-Being of Nations** (David Pilling) – antidote to gospel of GDP
8. **Inequality** (Anthony Atkinson) – a superb book on one of the defining economic/political issues of the age
9. **Inner Lives of Markets: How People Shape Them—And They Shape Us** (Sharman and Fishman)
10. **Limits of the Market: The Pendulum Between Government and the Market** (Paul De Grauwe)
11. **Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioural Economics** (Richard Thaler) – a truly superb biography
12. **Poor Economics: Rethinking Ways to Fight Global Poverty** (Banerjee & Duflo) – development economics
13. **Positive Linking – Networks and Nudges** (Paul Ormerod) – good introduction to network economics
14. **Ten Great Economists** (Philip Thornton) – biographical background, well worth a read
15. **The Box - How the Shipping Container Made the World Smaller and the World Economy Bigger**, (Levinson)
16. **The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon** (Brad Stone) – a great business page turner
17. **Upstarts: How Uber and Airbnb are changing the world** (Brad Stone) Follow up to his work on Amazon
18. **What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets** (Michael Sandel) – Pure PPE bliss
19. **Who Gets What - And Why: Understand the Choices You Have; Improve the Choices You Make** (Al Roth)
20. **Why Information Grows: The Evolution of Order, from Atoms to Economies** (Cesar Hidalgo) – challenging

It should be stressed that the above list is in no way exhaustive, you should seek to branch out from these suggestions in order to follow your own interests and passions.

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Aspirational Reading - these are books that you could/should read if they are interested in studying this subject further Post 18. These books are strongly recommended if you are aiming for Grade A*/A in this subject.

1. **Choice Factory** (Richard Shotton) – a story of 25 behavioural biases that influence what we buy
2. **Economics for the Common Good** (Jean Tirole) – applied micro from a recent Nobel prize winner
3. **GDP: A Brief but Affectionate History** (Professor Diane Coyle) – really good on the GDP / well-being debate
4. **Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today** (Linda Yueh) – perspectives on contemporary issues

We also have an Economics Library in N13 – feel free to borrow – we just ask you tell us and then return the book!!!

Other Sources of Information

Study Notes

It is never too early to start reading up on economic topics we will cover. You can also use these sites to create full and details notes in combination with class notes and your textbook!

Some websites you could use are:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>

<https://www.economicshelp.org/economics-a-z/>

<https://www.economicsonline.co.uk/>

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/economics-revision/a-level-edexcel-a/>

Video Resources

We all love a video and wide ranges of study videos are available in economics. These include

<https://mru.org/> - Some great videos here. They range from fairly basic to advanced.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCQEbgDL8i40d83Au55IYMQ> Jacob Clifford speaks far too fast but provides a good range of videos on a wide range of economic topics

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQbBh9Jn2IjcSPZOiNKJu0g> Econ Plus Dal also provides a range of videos for A Level economics

Podcasts

<https://freakonomics.com/> - Provides a huge number of economics based podcasts. They cover everything from the housing market, to poverty and even whether expensive wines taste better.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/24KDPtZfvX3zSqMyTRmIJB1/business-finance-economics-podcasts> - The latest economics news and coverage available as podcasts

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<https://neweconomics.org/search/podcasts> - A weekly podcast on a topical issue

<http://timharford.com/articles/cautionarytales/> - A few podcasts from the writer of the Under Cover Economist For example; websites, magazines, journals, podcasts etc

Background Reading

A wide variety of different news sources provide good background reading for economics students. These include:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy> - Covers most current events

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/economics> - Covers most current events

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