



AP US Government and Macroeconomics
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News Flash:

Ms. McCarthy put together the following powerpoint presentation from materials she found on the web. She has graciously offered to share it with us and I highly recommend that you watch it. It helps to explain when one makes a new Phillips curve vs. moving along the existing curve.

[Phillips Curve](#)

Please read the following document about the loanable funds market graph. I think you will find it very helpful.

[Loanable Funds](#)

Today, 12/1/08, it was announced that the US is officially in a *recession*. Read the report from the Business Cycle Dating Committee, National Bureau of Economic Research at:

<http://wwwdev.nber.org/dec2008.html>

See how many connections you can see to what we are, and have been, studying in this course!

The Congressional Quarterly has a demographic breakdown of the new, 111th Congress. Take a look:
<http://www.cq.com/graphics/monitor/2008/11/05/mon20081105-5election-stats.pdf>

The New York Times on Saturday, Nov 1 had an interesting article about deflation. I highly recomend it.
<http://www.nytimes.com:80/2008/11/01/business/economy/01deflation.html?th&emc=th>

The Star Ledger Sunday, Nov. 2, has an interesting article entitled [The Electoral Collage](#), by Allan Hoffman, which concludes with an intriguing list of websites for accurate info on the election. It may be found on the first page of section 3 of the paper, BusinessSunday.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has a fun page called "What is a dollar worth?" It is a good way to learn about inflation and the use of a price index. It may be found at:
http://www.minneapolisfed.org/community_education/teacher/calc/

The Economist, October 4th edition, has an excellent section on the upcoming election. It is entitled "Our Guide to America's Election". Follow the link in the column to the left to *The Economist* and read about the

critical issues of this campaign and the positions of McCain and Obama on each.

The October 11th edition of The Economist has a great article about the current world financial crisis. They say: A special report on the world economy
Oct 11th 2008
From The Economist print edition

Read the George Will article from the Sept. 22nd edition of *Newsweek*. It is a great complement to our current study of supply and demand.

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/158752>

Mrs. Marin's Schedule - 2008 - 09:

Periods 1, 2, 4, 7, & 9 - AP US Gov and Macroeconomics classes - room 534
Period 8 - Study Hall - room 531
Period 3 - Tutorial - room 533 or the Media Center
Periods 5 & 6 - Lunch and planning time

If you come to school late, or are leaving school early, or are participating in a field trip, you are always welcome to sit in on a different class, assuming you have lunch or a study hall when I am teaching. If you think it might help you to sit through the class twice, you are also invited to sit in anytime. Please just be sure to announce your presence!

STUDY AIDS:

1. American Government by Wilson website:

One can find chapter outlines to guide notetaking, practice quizzes, focus questions for each chapter and more! This is geared to a more recent edition of the text than ours but I still think you should find it helpful.

http://college.hmco.com/polisci/wilson/am_gov/9e/students/index.html

2. Economics Today by Miller website:

<http://www.econtoday.com>

3. The following is a site maintained by the FED that is designed to help one learn about monetary policy. It contains a game to test one's mastery. Try it - it's fun!

<http://www.frbsf.org/education/activities/chairman/>

The worst financial crisis since the Depression is redrawing the boundaries between government and markets, says Zanny Minton Beddoes. Will they end up in the right place?

Again, follow the link in the column to the left and see for yourself.

Here is a link to a simple site to review the BASICS of GDP:

http://www.moneychimp.com/articles/econ/gdp_diagram.htm