**Honors Economics Summer Project**

To future Honors Economics/AP Government students,

Yes, you have a summer project for Honors Economics. The purpose of the project is to put you in the mindset to discuss Economics—from the microeconomics focus on supply and demand all the way to macroeconomics’ spectrum of industries, countries’ economies, and jobs. Additionally, this project will teach you a bit about personal finances, minimum wage, and the importance of a college degree.

The first thing you will need to do is to buy the book *Nickled and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. It was originally published in 2000, meaning that there are a lot of used copies available. Try Half-Price Books, or if you want a shiny new one, Barnes & Noble. Also, many copies are available online.

The second thing you will need to do is read and annotate the book.

The third thing you will need to do is check my website for the actual assignment. The address is <http://msaydinian.weebly.com> and your assignment will be under a tab on the left side labeled “Honors Econ Summer Project.” The project itself will not be posted until after June 9th, when I get back from the AP Reading at Colorado State. I will send out a mass email to the Class of 2012 list to announce when the project is posted. I will be shooting to post it by June 20th.

The assignment will be due the first week of school. The exact date will be posted on the website.

If you have any questions regarding this reading e-mail me at [aaydinian@kipphouston.org](mailto:aaydinian@kipphouston.org)

Sincerely,

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