This project represents a significant portion of the student’s class effort and final grade. Student teams with 2 members each will pick topics from the list to be provided or offer an original topic, both subject to my approval. Each student must form a team and select a project by Wednesday May 10. Dates for presentations will be determined at the time of topic selection and will reflect the chapter from which the topic is chosen. Due date for the one-page project summary plus list of references is Wednesday May 24. Finally, the first day for presentations will be Monday June 12. The project is comprised of a paper, a study guide, and a class presentation. Please note that material included in class presentations and student study guides is testable material and will be included on the final exam. The paper and study guide are due the day of the presentation. Project items are described in more detail below. See the important Project Research Guide online for further detail.

**Project Components**

1) One page project summary plus complete list of references. Summary should be well-structured, outline your paper contents and show how you will incorporate economics.
2) 10 minute class presentation (use overheads or power point)
3) 10 page written paper (not including references; double spaced, 12 point font)
4) 2 page student study guide (single-spaced; use outline format; see project guide online for details); bring 45 copies to class on day of presentation (stapled if necessary); students will use this to follow your presentation and to study with for the final exam.

**Project Grading:**
The team project will represent 30% of the final grade. The paper is worth two-thirds of this 30% (which is 20% of final grade) while the study guide and presentation together are worth one-third of this 30 percent (which is 10% of final grade). One fourth of the paper grade component (which is 5% of final grade) will be earned from the project summary turned in BEFORE presentation date. Each item will be graded separately and then the weighting described above will be applied. In most cases, each team member will receive the same grade, but I reserve the right to assign different grades to team members. Students will form groups of 2; no exceptions on team size except if necessary due to class size. **I strongly encourage you to communicate early and often with teammates and contact me asap if problems arise.**

**Project Grades:** All projects will be graded at one time and grades will be distributed within one week of final in-class presentation.

**Criteria to be used in grading:**
* comprehensiveness of material covered
* references (see detailed guide for further information)
* structure
* development of economic story (i.e., economic analysis)
* explanation of how data used to answer economic question (if appropriate)
* clarity of exposition and presentation
* usefulness of study guide (including questions)

**Project Rules**
* You may not use same project topic as used in any other economics course.

**Project Research Guide:** Very important; available online (be sure to see update)