**Economics Fall**

Final Project: One Red Paper Clip

The most important part of your trading involves your ability to identify and explain the economic reasoning of your trades. To help you with this process you should follow the guidelines below.

1. Keep a record of all trades made (including photos of the items).
2. As you keep a record, start to identify economic terms that are relevant to each trade.
3. After trades are finished you should begin the writing process.
4. Use the list below to guide your writing. Be sure you address the correct number of terms in each category.

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| PFL & Econ Reasoning **(5 terms)**  | Economic Systems & Gov. Intervention **(8 terms)** | Supply **(4 terms)** | Demand **(6 terms)** | Equilibrium **(2 terms)**  | Market Structures**(3 terms)**  | Macroeconomic indicators **(2 terms)** |
| Incentives (Pos/Neg/Perverse) | Command Economy | Law of Supply | Law of Demand  | Graph a trade at equilibrium  | Perfect Competition  | GDP |
| Scarcity  | Market Economy | Change in Qs (graph) | Change in QD(graph) | Effect of Price Ceiling  | Monopolies | Business Cycle |
| Trade-offs | Traditional Economy | Change in S (graph)- components of RESTT (each counts as one) | Change in D (graph)- components of TIMER (each counts as one) | Effect of Price Floor  | Oligopolies | Inflation |
| Opportunity Cost | Circular Flow | Resource Prices | Tastes/Pref | Elastic/Inelastic  | Cartels | Frictional Unemployment |
| Marginal Decision Making (MC v. MB) | Economic Efficiency | Expectations  | Income |  | Price Discrimination | Structural Unemployment |
| Diminishing marginal utility | Economic Growth | Sellers | Market Size |  |  | Seasonal Unemployment |
| Explicit Cost | Economic Sustainability | Taxes & Subsidies | Expectations |  |  | Cyclical Unemployment |
| Implicit Cost | Economic Equity | Technology  | Related Goods- Subs |  |  |  |
| Interest  | Economic Freedom |  | Related Goods- Compliments |  |  |  |
| Net v. gross income | Economic Security |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Externalities (Pos/Neg)  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tragedy of the Commons |  |  |  |  |  |

Rubric:

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| **Benchmark** | **Description** | **Score/Comments**  |
| Exceeds Standard | Final product uses 30 terms. All terms are clearly defined and applied to the process of trading. All terms are applied accurately and the record of trades demonstrates a strong understanding of economic reasoning. The final product is neat, organized, and shows evidence of time and effort.  | 100-90 |
| Meets Standard | The final product may use less than 30 terms or uses some terms incorrectly. Some explanations may be vague or generic; however most terms are applied appropriately and reflect a basic understanding of economic reasoning. The final product is fairly organized and reflects some effort.  | 89-70 |
| Below Standard | The final product does not use an appropriate number of terms or may use many terms incorrectly. Many explanations are vague and do not demonstrate an understanding of economic concepts. The written explanations may confuse or incorrectly identify terms. Economic reasoning is weak or inaccurate. The final product may lack organization and evidence of effort.  | 69-below |