

Writing Assignment 1

Due: April 24 at 11:59 pm | Points: 10

Prompt:

- Is there a justification for capitalism as practiced today that can be found in the authors from our Market Foundations unit (Locke, Smith, Hayek) that you find persuasive? If so, which and why do you find it persuasive? If not, why not?

Format: No more than 6 pages (12 pt font, double spaced, 1-inch margins).

Argument and Evidence Requirements:

Your response should clearly and persuasively provide an argument in response to all parts of the prompt and support that argument using textual evidence. When using textual evidence, be sure to analyze each piece by (1) explicating what you think it means and (2) explaining exactly how it supports your point. Note also that the longer the quote, the more analysis it needs.

Language Requirement:

In this paper, you should avoid using anachronistic language in your reconstructions of the authors' theories. This means you should not rehearse ideas you heard in Econ 110, etc. You should stick to the concepts and language used by the authors from this unit.

Citation and References:

Use whichever citation system you prefer. What matters is that (1) your citations **use the assigned versions of the texts ONLY** and (2) I can find where in the text you are pointing. If you have questions about proper citation and reference practices, let me know.

MEETING REQUIREMENT: After submission of the essay, immediately book a time for a feedback and assessment session using the Calendly link below:

<https://calendly.com/k-elliott-zd8/student-hours>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you feedback on your essay, for you to explain key features of it, and for the instructor to probe your understanding of the material. Your performance in the meeting is part of the assessment of the essay, and **may improve or reduce your overall grade.**