

## **A.P. Economics: Summer Reading Assignment**

Required Reading *The World Is Flat* by Tomas L. Friedman (There are two different editions to this book, either one is fine for this assignment). There are copies available at the Simsbury Public Library.

When we return to school, be prepared to respond to any or all of the following questions in either writing or orally at my discretion:

- 1) What is Friedman's thesis? What does he mean by the world becoming flat?
- 2) What evidence is there that Friedman's thesis is correct?
- 3) What policies should the US government adapt/adopt in light of your response to the last question (#2)?

Given that this is an Advanced Placement course, the expectation is that you will not only have done the reading, but you will be able to orally or in writing enter into a high level dialogue about what you read and what it means for the modern world.