True Wealth Outline – Assignment 4

During our study of economic policy we covered the following topics:
- The definition of resilience
- The relationship between resilience, trust within a community, and economic growth
- Different policy approaches: inducements, rules, facts, and powers
- Effectiveness of incentives (carrots and sticks) vs. sense of purpose as a motivator
- City and county budgets and spending for resilience
- City and county revenue sources and tax policies
- The views of five different economists: Smith, Marx, Keynes, Friedman, and Daly
- How to manage public goods and common property resources
- Land-use planning and property rights

Create an outline related to something we've discussed. Look at what you've written thus far in your journal, my digital portfolio, and our glossary to review what we've covered. If you can't think of anything, try answering one of the following questions:

- What is the meaning of community "resilience" and how does this apply to Durango?
- How important is trust and a sense of community to local resilience?
- Does economic growth contribute to or detract from resilience?
- Which is the most effective approach to achieving economic outcomes: inducements, rules, facts and education or?
- How effective are incentives as a policy tool?
- What is the best use of money collected by the government?
- What is the best way for government to raise revenue?
- To what degree do you agree with the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) that restricts that State of Colorado's ability to raise revenue through taxes?
- What viewpoint from our five economists do you agree or disagree with most strongly?
- Should public goods be turned into private property to protect against Tragedy of the Commons?
- What are the lessons from the community land trust movement?
- What is connection between land-use planning and a healthy economy?
- What is the role of government is determining what uses (e.g. housing vs. industry) are allowed on private property?

Review the Overview Sheet that includes the criteria that I'll use to evaluate this assignment. Remember these tips:
- The wording of your thesis statement should be precise; every word counts
- Your reasons should directly and logically support your thesis statement. They can't simply be related to the subject of your paper.
- The strongest evidence will be a concrete fact or example that you have gathered from our class, outside reading or research or compelling personal knowledge
- If you can't support your reason with this type of evidence, you probably need to find another reason to support your thesis.

Due: Monday, March 9th at the beginning of class

Points: 20 points (Summative)

True Wealth Outline Worksheet

1. Thesis

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2. Reasons your thesis is true

Reason:_____

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    Supporting evidence (at least one example, fact, or other piece of evidence):

Reason:_____

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Reason (use a concessive):

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    Supporting evidence (at least one example, fact, or other piece of evidence):

Why is your thesis argument important? Why should I care?