

ECON 235 COURSE READER
Contents and Online (*) Selections

For January 31 (second class):

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For February 7 (third class):

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For February 14 (fourth class):

1. Peter Brimelow, "Do You Want To Be Paid In Rockefeller's? In Wristons? Or How About a Hayek?" *Forbes*, (30 May 1988), 243-50.
- 2.* Murray N. Rothbard, "The Case for a 100 Percent Gold Dollar," from Leland B. Yeager, ed., *In Search of a Monetary Constitution* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), pp. 94-136; available at <http://mises.org/story/1829>.

For February 21(fifth class):

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For February 28 (sixth class):

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2. Charles A. E. Goodhart, "The Free Banking Challenge to Central Banks," *Critical Review*, 8 (Summer 1994), 411-25.
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- 2.* Jeffrey Rogers Hummel, "Privatize Deposit Insurance," *The Freeman*, (July 1989), 270-271; available at <http://www.thefreemanonline.org/columns/privatize-deposit-insurance/>.
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For March 14 (eighth class):

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For March 28 (tenth class):

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2. David Kelley and Jeff Scott, "Gekko Echo: A Closer Look at the 'Decade of Greed'," *Reason*, (February 1993), 30-37.
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- 3.* Jeffrey Rogers Hummel, "Central Bank Control Over Interest Rates: The Myth and the Reality," *Mercatus Working Paper* (August 1, 2017), available at <https://www.mercatus.org/system/files/hummel-interest-rates-mercatus-working-paper-v2.pdf>

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