***AP Economics***

***Summer Assignment 2013***

Choose a product; the more general, the better. Examples might include computers (as opposed to just Dell or Apple computers), gasoline, automobiles, water, electricity, homes, telephone service, or a type of food (wheat, beef, coffee, etc.). Then, during each month of summer vacation, find articles (a minimum of five total per month) about your product that somehow concern the price of that product. Note how various circumstances and events influence the price of your product. Suggested publications are *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, web-based versions of these publications, or Internet news services such as Reuters, Infobeat, or CBS Marketwatch.

**Since there are 3 months of vacation, you will be summarizing at least 15 articles.**

1) Summarize each of these articles in a short paragraph, providing a copy of the article with your summary. Do your best to explain exactly why these events cause a change in the price of your product.

2) Finally, write a one page essay explaining your overall findings and assert your theory for the reasons for the changes in the market for your product. Is there a common thread linking all of the articles or price changes?