

2.964, Fall 2006

Assignment 2

Due: written text in class on Monday October 23

Presentations: Monday October 23 and Wednesday October 25

For assignment 2, you should select a research topic of your choice and write a short paper (approximately 10 pages of normal text; shorter if you can adequately answer the question(s) you have posed in less space). The topic should have something to do with marine transportation and economics (exceptions can be made to this in certain cases), and it has to be manageable in the time you have to complete the assignment. In general, the more narrowly you can focus your question(s), the better. Choosing something related to what you plan to write a thesis on is a good idea. I am happy to help you select a topic if you can identify a general area you are interested in.

I expect you to spend some time researching the topic (library, online sources, etc.) and to document the sources you use in your text. I am happy to review drafts of the paper and/or presentation materials before you submit them.

A computer projector will be available for the presentations. If you need other technology, please let me know in advance. Your presentation should be no more than 15 minutes in length. A good general rule is no more than one "slide" for every two minutes.

I recommend that you stick to the following schedule:

by Wednesday October 4: have topic approved by instructor (via email is best)

by Wednesday October 11: have outline of paper reviewed by instructor (email)