

Friedman, Milton. Capitalism and Freedom. University of Chicago Press. 1962. (ISBN: 0226264203)

Assignment:

Students are to read the following sections of the book:

1. Preface (original, 1982, 2002)
2. Introduction
3. Chapter I (The Relation between Economic Freedom and Political Freedom)
4. Chapter II (The Role of Government in a Free Society)
5. Chapter VI (The Role of Government in Education)
6. Chapter XII (Alleviation of Poverty)
7. Conclusion

Students should consider the following prompts/thought questions related to the reading:

1. According to Friedman, what is the relationship between capitalism and freedom **and** do you agree with his assertion? If you were required at a social event to discuss Friedman's ideas, would you be able to do so comfortably in a way that makes sense?
2. According to Friedman, what are the specific purposes of government in a free society **and** do you agree with his assertion? Again, could you hold an intelligent conversation on this topic based on the reading and not merely your own opinion?

The ideas in these readings are not casual reading. You will likely need to read several times and spend time thinking about the topics. You may need to look up additional information as questions arise in your thinking. You may have a stumbling block as you grapple with a complex idea. This is all intended and okay - make notes on the reading as you come to these passages - note the exact page numbers and quotations that catch your attention. **Your notes on the assigned chapters will be collected on the first day of class.**

Students should prepare for an in-class discussion section and essay exam related to these prompts for the first day of class.