


## Welcome to TGGs A Level Economics!

These activities will give you a taste of A-level Economics, develop your super-curricular knowledge, and help you make a strong start in September. Have a look through this list of optional activities and dive into something that inspires and interests you!

### Something to Read

1. ***Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner**  
A fun and surprising look at how economics explains everyday life.
2. ***The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford**  
Helps you see how economic thinking applies to everything from your morning coffee to global trade.
3. ***Doughnut Economics – Seven ways to think like a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Economist* by Kate Raworth**
4. ***The Armchair Economist* by Steven E. Landsburg**  
Explains economic logic in a very accessible way. Covers incentives, unemployment, and the role of government with clever everyday examples
5. **The Economist (online or app)**  
Weekly reading builds confidence with economic language and current issues.

 *Extension:* Write a short review or summary

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### Something to Watch

#### 1. ***The Bank That Almost Broke Britain* – BBC**

What it's about:

A gripping account of the 2008 financial crisis and the collapse of Northern Rock. Explains how banking, government, and consumer confidence all interact.

*Links to:* banking system, financial markets, government intervention.

#### 2. ***The Big Short (2015)* – Dir. Adam McKay (available on Netflix, Amazon)**

What it's about:

A dramatic, fact-based film about the 2008 financial crash. Though it's a dramatization, it's heavily grounded in real macroeconomic events.

*Links to:* housing market crash, risk, regulation, banking.

#### 3. ***Inside Job* – Dir. Charles Ferguson (Netflix/Amazon)**

What it's about:

Academy Award-winning documentary on the causes of the global financial crisis, with interviews from economists, bankers, and politicians.

*Links to:* deregulation, global finance, economic policy.

#### 4. **Can We Fix the Economy? – BBC iPlayer / YouTube (Panorama)**

What it's about:

A short, student-friendly documentary that explains the UK government's economic choices (spending, tax, borrowing).

*Links to: fiscal policy, austerity, economic recovery.*

#### 5. **Capitalism: A Love Story – Michael Moore (Amazon/YouTube)**

What it's about:

Investigates how capitalism and inequality played a role in the 2008 financial crisis. While opinionated, it prompts strong debate and critical thinking.

*Links to: inequality, banking, politics and economics.*

#### 6. **TED Talks:**


1. "Behavioral economics and decision making" – Dan Ariely
2. "The case for free trade" – Johan Norberg
3. "Growth is not always the answer" – Kate Raworth

 *Extension:* Create a mind map or timeline of one key idea from what you watched.

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#### **Something to Research**

1. **"Why is inflation so hard to control?"**
2. **"What are the economic costs and benefits of a minimum wage?"**  
Use real-world data to explore both sides of this debate.
3. **"How do central banks and Governments respond to economic shocks?"**  
You could compare how the UK or US responded to COVID-19 vs the 2008 financial crisis.
4. **"What causes inequality — and how can it be reduced?"**  
Look into wealth gaps, education, taxation, and policy responses.
5. **The economic impact of Brexit**
6. **Should the Government intervene to reducing vaping?**

 *Extension Task:* Write a short article, report, or infographic summarising your research and your own view.

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