Debbie Meyer, Macro Economics, ECON 105,term paper: five pages in length with at least three sources.

1. **Outsourcing**: Many U. S. companies are planning to outsource jobs to China, India, etc.  They claim that they can save millions of dollars in costs which helps the company be more profitable.  Is offshore outsourcing good?  Should the U. S. Government encourage it or be protectionist and control or limit it?  What industries will be hit the hardest?
2. **The U. S. Energy Policy**: Gas prices typically spike in the warm weather months when demand is at its highest and refineries are brewing pricier summer blend gas.  However, recently oil prices have gone over $110/gallon and that is reflected at the pump.  Many wonder how high can they go?  What are the underlying reasons for this tremendous increase?  What steps can we take now to help reduce our dependence on foreign and domestic oil?    Give your opinion and prediction for the future.