

Economists' Views Reduced to Clerihews

John P. Burkett
April 2009

Edmund Clerihew Bentley wrote whimsical four-line poems about many famous people (including a few economists), using an AABB rhyme scheme. Such poems are called clerihews.

Students in ECN305 "Competing Traditions in Economics" have written clerihews about economists, three of which are reproduced here with permission of their authors.

William Petty

Once was a man named William Petty;
He studied economics so much he got all sweaty.
One of the first dedicated economists who gave a lick,
He would produce literature such as *Political Arithmetick*.

Matthew Oliveira

Antoine Augustin Cournot

Antoine Cournot
Is someone we know
That wrote all about tax
And bringing profit to a max.

Kennedy Hawes

Karl Heinrich Marx

The young Karl Marx
Did not like those capitalist sharks.
He got that anger off his chest though
When he wrote *The Communist Manifesto*.

Anthony Ettore