

Confessions of An Economic Hit Man – Essay Questions

Instructions: Chose ONE question from group A and ONE question from group B. Answer each in 2-3 pages. Write succinctly and draw examples from the book to support your points. If you draw on resources outside of the book, cite them in MLA, APA, or any other standard citation format.

GROUP A

- 1) Perkins often describes incidents he feels are not consistent with his own morality. How does he handle these? How do you think he could have extricated himself from those situations? Was it *really* possible?
- 2) The individual actions that Perkins takes are often influenced by larger social forces and institutions. What are the major social forces and institutions that shape his life? How did these forces and institutions shape the choices that he faced? Do you see specific points in his life when he could have made different choices?

Group B

- 3) Is it possible for one person to have the impact on the world that Perkins claims? Answer in the context of this article and of other class materials.
- 4) Was Perkins himself responsible for the banking disasters he claims he caused? Why or why not?