The class grades will be based upon three written assignments and class participation.

1) Class Participation
   Take advantage of the unique talents that will be addressing the class each week. Read the materials that will be provided to us before the class. Do your own research on them, their organizations, their funds, their management style, etc. Be prepared to pose challenging questions.

2) Discussion Paper
   If you ask a question you will then have the option to write up both the question and the speaker’s response and then to expand on the issue beyond what was covered in class. The paper should be no longer than two, double spaced pages (plus any supporting charts, graphs or tables in addition.) On the paper, clearly note that it was you who asked the question in class. If you hear a question asked and want to do the same write-up that too is encouraged. In that case, on the paper clearly note that it was not you who asked the question in class. Each of you should do a minimum of one of these discussion papers, and no more than three.

3) Investment Issue
   I will suggest a topic that I am currently researching some time within the first three sessions. If you feel you can provide some original analysis that can help with that issue you should submit a paper again no longer than two double spaced pages (plus any supporting charts, graphs or tables in addition.)

4) Final Paper
   The traditional “compare and contrast” paper: Compare and contrast the styles, commentaries and remarks of two or more of the guest speakers and support your comments with other references and/or your own original analysis. The paper should be no longer than three double spaced pages (plus any supporting charts, graphs or tables in addition.)