Assignment

On Thursday, March 15, our class will be devoted to a discussion entitled the “End of the Euro?” Whether and how the Euro Zone will survive the threats to its existence that originated in the great recession and include the Greek debt crisis is an important issue that has been widely debated. The purpose of our class will be to discuss some of the relevant literature and come to a better understanding on the threats to the Euro and the likelihood of its survival.

In preparation, students should complete the following assignment. The assignment has two parts.

1. Read the following four articles that will be posted on the class web page under the heading “Will the Euro Survive?” Students should read these article prior to the class on March 15.
   a. “Is this really the end?” The Economist
   b. “Why the Euro Isn’t Finished,” New Yorker
   d. “An Avoidable Crisis”, New Yorker

2. Find an additional article in the media on the European Financial Crisis. The article can be on the European banks, debt problems in Greece or other Euro Zone nations, or any related matter. Write an essay four your journal of 200-300 words in which you use the ideas from the four background readings to interpret your article and explain its implications for the question of whether or not the Euro will survive.