First Paper

• First Paper (30%)
  – due 20 Nov (Mon before Thanksgiving) **BUT** can be completed well before due date!
  – 6 to 10 pages single spaced; must include references & can include figures, both of which are excluded from the page count
  – expands upon the topic of any class meeting, *other than* class meeting you have or will lead

• Various stages for first paper:
  – Wed, 20 Sept: description of paper due
  – [https://myelms.umd.edu/courses/1229919/quizzes/1206092](https://myelms.umd.edu/courses/1229919/quizzes/1206092)
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• Please provide a brief description of your paper, including:
  a) the topic
  b) which reading or readings will serve as the starting point for the paper
  c) how you will expand upon the reading material (i.e., critical analysis of the reading; or, connecting multiple readings; or, relating a reading to the overall objectives of the class)
  d) any other source material that you envision using

• This paper is 6 to 10 pages and is designed to give you experience assembling cogent thoughts "on paper". If pre-submitted by Mon, 6 Nov, you will have a chance to get instructor feedback prior to the final deadline on Mon, 20 Nov

• Please note all papers submitted for early comment will be examined via a "first in, first out" basis and so the last comments might not be provided until Fri, 17 Nov, depending on the number of early submissions. I will do my best to provide feedback in a timely fashion.

• Here, you are asked to simply describe what you intend to write about ... you are not being asked to actually write the paper

• While you may change topic after completion of this essay, please speak with Ross or Walt if you intend to change topic
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