

Make Up Task | Seminar 1 – Oct 18th

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If you were absent on the Seminar 1 (Oct. 18th), you will have to complete the following make-up task. Attendance and active participation during the sessions named “Seminars” and “Workshops” are mandatory and part of the overall examination of the course. Therefore, this make-up task must be completed in order to meet all the requirements to pass the course.

For those that were absent, the following extra task must be completed by **November 7th 17:00** and submitted through **Studentportalen** in the specific Hand-In area.

Seminar 1 included, among other things:

1. Discussion based on the book *Collapse of the Western Civilization*
2. Presentation of the creative outcomes and reflections for the 30DC
3. “Start – Stop – Continue” for the course
4. Introduction to the Final Group Project: Group Formation

1. Reflecting on the book *Collapse of the Western Civilization*:

If you haven't completed and submitted your preparation task for Seminar 1, discuss the questions (guiding questions copied below) in approximately **600 words in total**, including at least **4 references from the book**.

- a) Why do you think this book was written? For whom? What is the main message or argument of this story/book?
- b) “The case of Western civilization is different because the consequences of its actions were not only predictable, but predicted” (p. 1).

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What are the main reasons that they couldn't prevent what happened, according to the book? Do you agree with the view that the book presents about science, technological solutions and politics? Why, why not?

- c) What do you takeaway from this book? Why would you recommend it to a friend (or not)?
- d) Bring a quote from the book, a scene that sticks with you, or a discussion question that you would like to share and discuss in class.

Read below for 'What is a good discussion question?'

<http://homepages.wmich.edu/~acareywe/discussion.html>

2. Since you have missed the opportunity to present your 30 Day Challenge Creative Outcome in class, you will have to make up for this during the Sustainability Festival (Dec 15th).

A Student-led Session group is preparing for the 30 Day Challenge Exhibition during the CEMUS Sustainability Festival, so details for the setting will be decided and announced soon. If you have not submitted your Creative Outcome and Individual Reflection, don't forget to do that! (Read 30 Day Challenge Instructions)

3. Write a short reflection about the course so far including, at least, one thing you would like to START, one think you would like to CONTINUE and something you would like to STOP, and explain why.

During Seminar 1, we discussed about what you like about the course (Continue), what you are missing (Start), what you would propose to stop or change (Stop), and we would like to know what are your reflections and thoughts to improve the course.

Discuss in approximately **400 words**.

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- 4. In the course website you will find the instructions for the first part of the Group Project: "Back from the Future We Want: Visions". Read the instructions and the Seminar slides, and choose a group.**

Let us know 2 groups of your choice that you would like to join, and we will assign you the group.