

Hi folks,

Here are the PDA questions for this week. You may answer ONE of them in your PDA and submit it by 10am on Friday, April 21.

If you are submitting your assignment in soft copy, DO NOT SUBMIT IT ON MOOKIT. Please send it to me as a Microsoft Word email attachment, NOT in any other file format. Also, your name and role number should be on the first page of the document. If these directions are not followed, I will NOT accept the assignment.

- 1) In class, we discussed how Institution is defined both literally in terms of structure and purpose, and connotatively in terms of Authority and Legitimacy. Analyse how the pre-crime unit is shown as an institution in both ways in the film 'Minority Report'. Please provide textual evidence for all your claims.
- 2) FBI appears as an institution in both 'Vital Signs' (the White Collar episode) and 'Pilot' (the 'Bones' episode). Compare how science functions in relation to FBI as an institution in these two texts to determine if the relationship between science and institution is the same or different in the two texts. Please provide textual evidence for all your claims.
- 3) In the 'Bones' episode, there is a clear difference shown between the 'soft' social sciences (as practiced by Booth) and the 'hard' natural sciences (as practiced by Brennan and her team at the Jeffersonian). Would you agree that this difference disappears in the way psychohistory is presented as a science in the Asimov story? Please provide reasons, supported by textual evidence, for your answer.