Poli Sci links.

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So here are some of the links and relevant things that I think help clarify the task a bit.

- The statement journals are the statements we're supposed to respond to.

- The second link is the one that he gave as an example of how to respond to the first reading.

- The last two links are the first and second readings.

... if you have time to help in basically any capacity I'll take it - I'm not asking for ready made finished and polished journals. Basically, I know you're really busy but *any* help would be wonderful.

Thanks.

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4 attachments

📄 **Poli Sci Statement Journals.docx**
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📄 **Poli Sci Example Journal.pdf**
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📄 **Munday Reading.pdf**
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📄 **SJ 2 reading.pdf**
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And what do you think he's looking for? An argument? If the student agrees with the statement, are they supposed to explain why they agree and analyze other possible viewpoints, or are we supposed to debunk the statement, as shown in the example?
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No you can disagree, here's a link to a student from last quarter whose journals he really liked. You can see the student disagrees sometimes - I don't have the readings or anything for this class, it was just to demonstrate how to write a journal so I know nothing else about the actual topic. And yes he wants an argument, why you agree or why you disagree.
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📄 **Last quarter examples.pdf**
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Also the type of readings varies quite a bit. Like one statement journal asks you to find an interesting difference between three short excerpts of translations of the Tao te Ching. Only took me 20 minutes to read them. But that journal requires seeing some meaning in it, I think, and I don't understand how this thing is a central part of Taosim. I mean - it seems as meaningful as palmistry. The most interesting thing to me is that anyone finds it meaningful, but I don't think that really would count as an answer.

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My general impression, given the scope of the work and the amount of time it would take to do a *good* job on this assignment, is "holy shit."   It looks like basically a full-time job for 10 weeks, practically.

To do a crappy job, where you just crank out 500 words on approximately the right subject, doesn't seem terribly difficult.

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So does that mean that you can help? 😬

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I guess. The first week's job is actually a topic that I find interesting. But this instructor needs the gods to tell him that his course isn't the only game in town.

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Jacinta Lamb <jacinta.lamb@gmail.com>   Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 3:34 PM
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Omg thank you. I have like 16 more readings where they came from so just let me know if and when you're ready for more. Literally 500 words that vaguely address the topic will get me an A- so anything helps!

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I'm working on the 2nd statement of week 1. If you want to send more reference material for other weeks, I do at least have a place to put it...

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Here's another rough statement journal response: https://www.dropbox.com/s/gnlcbwgwcsao3bt/sj2-response.html?dl=0

Regarding these tasks: I'm now thinking maybe this should be done in 2 separate passes -- [1] First, get something written down, even if it doesn't reflect a decent reading of the supporting material... "just ensure that we have something for each of the questions" then [2] based on available time, revisit and improve.

The problem is that the reading is very time consuming: the material is dense and hard to understand without doing additional research on the related people and ideas that they just toss in like chopped tomatoes everywhere, so if I actually try to grasp all the content it's a major undertaking. If I at least crank out something, then at least there's text on the topic.

When are these things due? Each week, or all-at-the-end?

The problem is that doing even a halfway-decent job of meaningfully