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Do you ever have any spare time..?

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...in which you'd be willing to read obscure ramblings of philosophers and writers and generate some counter arguments to their ideas?

I'm guessing "no" - but I'm desperate enough to ask. I haven't got a clue what's happening, what anyone is saying, office hours don't help and I just need to finish this quarter without dropping anything.

My next idea is to "talk about something entirely unrelated and hope the professor doesn't notice" but I thought I'd ask you first since this seems to be the sort of stuff you used to read so you might understand it. I only have to write 500 words in response to each article but that's hard when you don't know what the article is talking about.

Anyway, thanks for reading even if you're laughing hysterically at the prospect.

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Can you give me a clue about the material and how much there is?
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Basically there are 17 articles to read and 17 "statement journals" to write that are 500-600 words each. Class is a political theory class, specifically about translation (like... what happens when we translate something from say, French to English? Or a movie to a book? What you're left with isn't the same as the original but it isn't separate either. Like the professor argues food can be a translation, action figures can be translations of movies or books etc). I'd argue that the class is more a philosophy of translation and I am absolutely hopeless at philosophy.

The professor picks a sentence or two out of each article and you have to agree or disagree, pick a side and then argue for your side. You don't really need to know anything about translation, you just need to comprehend these articles enough to produce 500 words. If you write 500 words on each article, you get an A-. Doesn't matter if it's shit. If you do it well, you get an A+. If you don't do it, you get an F. No In between. At first it sounded easy, I'm generally pretty good at writing so I figured I could easily produce 500 words - I just wrote a 12 page paper in a day - but this stuff short circuits my neurons.

Technically each statement journal is supposed to take about 3 hrs between the reading and writing, and I'm not even asking with help for all of them really - just enough to make BSing my way through the rest less time consuming. I can send you some examples of the stuff in the morning if you're open to helping... I might totally be wrong but I don't think it'd be hard for you besides the time issue. One article I was reading was talking about interconnectedness and roots and rhizomes and I thought well I have absolutely nothing to say about any of this but this sounds like stuff Les had opinions about and understands.

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I don't mind taking a look at it, but that really does sound like a big time commitment and as it is there are many things begging for my time that I can't get to. But if you send me some examples I will take a look.

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