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Westman, Claire: "Again, you might have to try and leave and come": (00:00:04.690) Westman, Claire: "back.": (00:00:06.900) Westman, Claire: "Unfortunately.": (00:00:08.700) Westman, Claire: "Can everybody else see it?": (00:00:13.240) Westman, Claire: "Just give me a thumbs up because I see a lot of people can, but can you OK.": (00:00:15.900) Westman, Claire: "Oh, that was a lot of thumbs up in one go, OK?": (00:00:20.340) Westman, Claire: "Well, fantastic. Thank you.": (00:00:24.260) Westman, Claire: "Like I've never seen so many thumbs up in one go in a meeting that was quite": (00:00:27.200) **Westman, Claire**: "exciting.": (00:00:32.465) **Westman, Claire**: "OK, if you're having trouble seeing it, maybe try.": (00:00:33.120) **Westman, Claire**: "Leaving it coming back or yeah.": (00:00:38.520) **Westman, Claire**: "Otherwise, maybe just stay in the meeting for now.": (00:00:42.720) Westman, Claire: "If you want to and then.": (00:00:46.270) Westman, Claire: "OK, you can see it through your phone and not": (00:00:51.710) **Westman, Claire**: "your PC, OK?": (00:00:53.519) Westman, Claire: "So it might be something to do with your settings or your network or something": (00:00:53.990) Westman, Claire: "along those lines.": (00:00:58.356) Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:01:00.960) Westman, Claire: "So welcome everybody.": (00:01:01.160) Westman, Claire: "It's so nice to again see so many people joining today.": (00:01:02.560) Westman, Claire: "Very exciting and I hope you have all been having a good week so far and that": (00:01:06.120) Westman, Claire: "the Semester is going OK so far.": (00:01:12.332) Westman, Claire: "I know a lot of people are panicking about the assessment and just about.": (00:01:14.880) Westman, Claire: "Philosophy in general, and like I said in the last meeting,": (00:01:21.110) Westman, Claire: "philosophy is it's different.": (00:01:26.315) Westman, Claire: "It's a different kind of text.": (00:01:28.830) Westman, Claire: "It's a different way of reading and thinking than you're probably used to,": (00:01:31.030) **Westman, Claire**: "so please don't panic too much.": (00:01:35.559) Westman, Claire: "You will hopefully sort of get used to it as you're going through as you're reading": (00:01:38.960) **Westman, Claire**: "more.": (00:01:43.717) Westman, Claire: "And also just use different resources because sometimes some people learn":

Westman, Claire: "what's in the study guide, there are so many very good videos on": (00:01:58.014)

Westman, Claire: "If, for example, you are struggling with understanding": (00:01:53.280)

Westman, Claire: "better using different kinds of resources.": (00:01:50.385)

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Westman, Claire: "YouTube that breakdown these complex concepts into quite simple explanations.":
(00:02:03.608)
Westman, Claire: "And obviously you know, those are resources that are available to":
(00:02:10.560)
Westman, Claire: "you.": (00:02:14.973)
Westman, Claire: "So go and do your own research.": (00:02:15.240)
Westman, Claire: "Go look and see what you can find.": (00:02:17.840)
Westman, Claire: "That will help you look for different kinds of texts.": (00:02:19.920)
Westman, Claire: "Look for different kinds of blogs.": (00:02:23.150)
Westman, Claire: "Anything that's going to help you understand better.": (00:02:26.670)
Westman, Claire: "Just remember that when it comes to including evidence in your assignments,":
(00:02:30.939)
Westman, Claire: "it must be credible.": (00:02:37.060)
Westman, Claire: "Academic evidence.": (00:02:38.830)
Westman, Claire: "So while I suggest you go and watch videos and you can read blogs you can":
(00:02:41.920)
Westman, Claire: "read.": (00:02:47.691)
Westman, Claire: "Whatever you can find that helps you understand when you are using the":
(00:02:49.990)
Westman, Claire: "information in your assignment, you must make sure that it is from":
(00:02:55.076)
Westman, Claire: "credible academic sources. So use those online databases.": (00:02:59.876)
Westman, Claire: "I put the video.": (00:03:04.030)
Westman, Claire: "Online for you if you haven't watched it yet.": (00:03:05.670)
Westman, Claire: "Please some people. OK, let me just mute all in case.": (00:03:10.000)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:03:14.640)
Westman, Claire: "Please make sure that you go and watch that video if you don't know how to use":
(00:03:16.600)
Westman, Claire: "the online databases yet.": (00:03:20.733)
Westman, Claire: "Hopefully those of you who have watched it already found it helpful.":
(00:03:22.040)
Westman, Claire: "I know it was about half an hour, but I wanted to make sure that you fully":
(00:03:26.480)
Westman, Claire: "understood how to use it and could play around on it, not just for this module.":
(00:03:30.777)
Westman, Claire: "But for all your modules, so please use resources available to you":
(00:03:35.670)
Westman, Claire: "and don't just panic because you don't understand what's in the study guide.":
(00:03:39.597)
Westman, Claire: "There are lots of resources that you can use that try that will hopefully help you":
(00:03:44.110)
Westman, Claire: "to understand a bit better. So in today's session I'm just going to": (00:03:50.097)
Westman, Claire: "be going over some of the content that might help you to answer questions one":
(00:03:55.002)
Westman, Claire: "and question 2 for assessment one.": (00:04:00.628)
Westman, Claire: "Next week.": (00:04:03.880)
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Westman, Claire: "I know it's the day before your assignment is due,": (00:04:05.190)
Westman, Claire: "but we're going to look at question 3.": (00:04:08.216)
Westman, Claire: "So what I suggest is that by the time we get to next Wednesday,": (00:04:10.590)
Westman, Claire: "you have question one and two complete and finished and happy you're happy
with": (00:04:15.296)
Westman, Claire: "it to submit and that you've started working on Question 3.": (00:04:21.179)
Westman, Claire: "So make sure you've done the reading for Question 3.": (00:04:25.630)
Westman, Claire: "Make sure you've started coming up with your answers so that when we do the":
(00:04:28.750)
Westman, Claire: "session.": (00:04:33.093)
Westman, Claire: "You can just go back and check if there's any.": (00:04:34.160)
Westman, Claire: "Thing you need to add or anything you need to change.": (00:04:36.870)
Westman, Claire: "And you think extra that's come up while we were doing the session so that you":
(00:04:40.750)
Westman, Claire: "don't have to then rush to try and finish it by the next day.": (00:04:46.062)
Westman, Claire: "So that's my suggestion for you.": (00:04:50.590)
Westman, Claire: "We're not going to approach this semester guite this way," : (00:04:54.760)
Westman, Claire: "but I've seen on the the WhatsApp group and from the emails and on the platform"
: (00:04:58.802)
Westman, Claire: "that there is guite a lot of stress and I don't want you to stress so much so.":
(00:05:04.376)
Westman, Claire: "We're going to do that today.": (00:05:11.070)
Westman, Claire: "So we're going to look at question one and then we're going to look at Question":
(00:05:12.230)
Westman, Claire: "2.": (00:05:16.445)
Westman, Claire: "Then you can ask questions.": (00:05:17.550)
Westman, Claire: "I do want to keep this within an hour because I know you have a lot going on":
(00:05:19.550)
Westman, Claire: "and you need to work on the assignment and everybody's busy and you've got
other": (00:05:24.486)
Westman, Claire: "classes.": (00:05:29.678)
Westman, Claire: "So we're going to try and keep it so that we end by 11. Obviously,": (00:05:30.190)
Westman, Claire: "if there are any other questions that you have, you're welcome to e-mail them to
me." : (00:05:34.316)
Westman, Claire: "Put them on the PLS 1501 site.": (00:05:40.390)
Westman, Claire: "It's great to see that a lot of you are what's also great to see is on the":
(00:05:44.310)
Westman, Claire: "WhatsApp group that you're all helping each other and giving each other advice":
(00:05:48.993)
Westman, Claire: "and suggestions. That is fantastic.": (00:05:53.925)
Westman, Claire: "I'm so glad to see that.": (00:05:56.110)
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Westman, Claire: "So thank you to everybody for engaging with each other for helping each other":

Westman, Claire: "and for trying to help everyone else be successful as well in the module.":

Westman, Claire: "So because we're focusing.": (00:06:07.680)

(00:05:57.710)

(00:06:02.431)

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Westman, Claire: "On the questions that you have for the assessment, I'm not going to go into.":
(00:06:10.270)
Westman, Claire: "Detail about units one and two.": (00:06:17.320)
Westman, Claire: "We're going to look at what would most likely be the most useful information to":
(00:06:20.560)
Westman, Claire: "help you answer the assessments questions.": (00:06:26.567)
Westman, Claire: "I'm also not going to go over everything that's in your study guide.": (00:06:29.960)
Westman, Claire: "The study guide is there for you to read and hopefully after the lesson,":
(00:06:35.360)
Westman, Claire: "if you go back and read.": (00:06:40.026)
Westman, Claire: "You might feel a little bit more comfortable with it as well.": (00:06:42.030)
Westman, Claire: "So I'm definitely not going over the study guards information.": (00:06:45.960)
Westman, Claire: "We're going to look at very summarized version of those two sections of the":
(00:06:49.240)
Westman, Claire: "study guide that will be important for right now.": (00:06:54.162)
Westman, Claire: "So.": (00:06:59.160)
Westman, Claire: "You might still have questions about units one and two,": (00:07:01.760)
Westman, Claire: "but we will also come back to those after the assessment is submitted and you're":
(00:07:04.991)
Westman, Claire: "feeling a bit less panicked.": (00:07:09.665)
Westman, Claire: "OK so.": (00:07:12.170)
Westman, Claire: "The first question is.": (00:07:15.160)
Westman, Claire: "Related to African philosophy.": (00:07:19.000)
Westman, Claire: "So the question asks you is the continued dominance of Western philosophy in an"
: (00:07:21.320)
Westman, Claire: "African country something ethically desirable and sustainable? In your answer,":
(00:07:27.770)
Westman, Claire: "you must consider the potential benefits and drawbacks of prioritising Western":
(00:07:34.138)
Westman, Claire: "philosophical thought.": (00:07:40.507)
Westman, Claire: "In this context, so the first thing I want to do is": (00:07:42.750)
Westman, Claire: "breakdown this question so you will see I've highlighted some words here and the"
: (00:07:46.380)
Westman, Claire: "oops, sorry.": (00:07:52.033)
Westman, Claire: "Dominance of Western philosophy.": (00:07:54.480)
Westman, Claire: "Let's see dominance of Western philosophy.": (00:07:58.280)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:08:00.960)
Westman, Claire: "Maybe that's making it worse.": (00:08:01.200)
Westman, Claire: "Harder to see.": (00:08:04.640)
Westman, Claire: "Oh, so that is content that you have to focus": (00:08:05.440)
Westman, Claire: "on.": (00:08:10.885)
Westman, Claire: "In an African country, you can look specifically at South Africa": (00:08:12.230)
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Westman, Claire: "because that is focused on in your study guide,": (00:08:16.492)

(00:08:23.178)

Westman, Claire: "you can speak about African countries more generally," : (00:08:19.638)

Westman, Claire: "but I think it would be beneficial for you to focus on South Africa because that":

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Westman, Claire: "is what is discussed in detail.": (00:08:28.488)
Westman, Claire: "In the study guide, So what we're looking at is how Western": (00:08:30.520)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy is still dominant.": (00:08:34.559)
Westman, Claire: "In African.": (00:08:37.280)
Westman, Claire: "Universities, African institutions.": (00:08:40.400)
Westman, Claire: "Higher learning institutions so.": (00:08:42.110)
Westman, Claire: "What are the potential benefits of Western philosophy?": (00:08:46.830)
Westman, Claire: "What are the potential drawbacks of making Western philosophy more prominent":
(00:08:49.630)
Westman, Claire: "in an African country than it is than is African philosophy OK?": (00:08:55.725)
Westman, Claire: "So that's the content. The dominance of Western philosophy.": (00:09:00.790)
Westman, Claire: "Your focus is on an African country and some of the things you're going to look":
(00:09:04.790)
Westman, Claire: "at are the benefits of prioritizing Western philosophical thought.": (00:09:10.124)
Westman, Claire: "And the negatives or the drawbacks?": (00:09:15.320)
Westman, Claire: "Of prioritizing Western philosophy at philosophical thought,": (00:09:17.630)
Westman, Claire: "but what you also need to argue is an ethically desirable.": (00:09:22.510)
Westman, Claire: "Is it something that can be argued for ethically?": (00:09:29.120)
Westman, Claire: "Should this should Western philosophy continue to be prioritized over African":
(00:09:34.160)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy?": (00:09:40.260)
Westman, Claire: "What are the ethical implications of that?": (00:09:41.840)
Westman, Claire: "And then is it sustainable?": (00:09:45.860)
Westman, Claire: "Can it continue?": (00:09:47.900)
Westman, Claire: "Can we continue to prioritize Western philosophy in an African context?":
(00:09:49.380)
Westman, Claire: "What are the problems that might make it unsustainable?": (00:09:56.960)
Westman, Claire: "What are the reasons that it might be sustainable?": (00:10:00.640)
Westman, Claire: "So what this question is asking you is to think about why Western philosophy is":
(00:10:04.030)
Westman, Claire: "dominant.": (00:10:11.150)
Westman, Claire: "Why it is a problem?": (00:10:13.190)
Westman, Claire: "Or maybe not a problem that it is prioritized and should it continue to be":
(00:10:15.070)
Westman, Claire: "prioritized or not?": (00:10:21.836)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:10:25.320)
Westman, Claire: "So whenever you have a question, try to break it down and think what what":
(00:10:25.480)
Westman, Claire: "is the content of the question.": (00:10:30.555)
Westman, Claire: "So what is the focus of the question and what is it asking me to do?":
(00:10:32.960)
Westman, Claire: "How am I supposed to answer this?": (00:10:37.720)
Westman, Claire: "So you will see that this is not just asking you.": (00:10:39.840)
Westman, Claire: "To explain why Western philosophy is prioritized,": (00:10:44.230)
Westman, Claire: "it's asking you to go beyond that.": (00:10:49.088)
Westman, Claire: "It's asking you to develop an argument.": (00:10:52.390)
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Westman, Claire: "For where you explain why you think it is desirable or not,": (00:10:57.320)
Westman, Claire: "and why you think it is sustainable or not,": (00:11:01.298)
Westman, Claire: "so you're going to go beyond just explaining what's in the study guide in":
(00:11:04.214)
Westman, Claire: "order to develop this argument that shows us what your opinion is.":
(00:11:09.119)
Westman, Claire: "But remember, these are not opinion pieces,": (00:11:14.470)
Westman, Claire: "so they need to be backed up with your evidence.": (00:11:17.233)
Westman, Claire: "Again, the study guide is the main source, but you can use other any other
academic": (00:11:20.990)
Westman, Claire: "resources that help you to answer the question.": (00:11:27.150)
Westman, Claire: "So let's break it down.": (00:11:32.110)
Westman, Claire: "The introduction of Western philosophy to South Africa.": (00:11:35.120)
Westman, Claire: "Came with sort of the colonization of Africa.": (00:11:39.800)
Westman, Claire: "And with the arrival of colonizers in South Africa, so again,": (00:11:44.680)
Westman, Claire: "I'm not going to go into this in detail.": (00:11:48.814)
Westman, Claire: "It's in your study guide.": (00:11:51.480)
Westman, Claire: "And this is not necessarily something you need to explain in detail,":
(00:11:55.870)
Westman, Claire: "but it might help you to provide a little bit of background into the question or":
(00:12:00.957)
Westman, Claire: "into your answer to say why it is not ethically sustainable,": (00:12:06.929)
Westman, Claire: "why it is or ethically desirable, why it is a problem.": (00:12:11.426)
Westman, Claire: "That Western philosophy is still prioritized.": (00:12:16.310)
Westman, Claire: "So when Western philosophy was brought to South African universities and":
(00:12:19.390)
Westman, Claire: "institutions.": (00:12:24.076)
Westman, Claire: "There was 2 main traditions that were brought into our universities,":
(00:12:27.230)
Westman, Claire: "so the first was the Afrikaans Continental tradition.": (00:12:32.952)
Westman, Claire: "And in the study guide it explains that this was found in particular universities.":
(00:12:38.920)
Westman, Claire: "The kinds of people that some of the most influential figures in the tradition,":
(00:12:43.720)
Westman, Claire: "what sort of the philosophy focused on, but the main point.": (00:12:49.526)
Westman, Claire: "Is that philosophical theories that came out of this tradition were often used to":
(00:12:54.430)
Westman, Claire: "support and justify apartheid and discrimination,": (00:13:01.901)
Westman, Claire: "so they were bringing philosophical theories from Europe to South Africa and":
(00:13:06.456)
Westman, Claire: "then using those as justification for apartheid and for discrimination.":
(00:13:13.471)
Westman, Claire: "Against the indigenous people of South Africa.": (00:13:20.800)
Westman, Claire: "The other main tradition was the Anglo-Saxon tradition.": (00:13:24.280)
Westman, Claire: "Again, go read through your study guide to see": (00:13:28.280)
Westman, Claire: "which universities it was founded, who the sort of most prominent figures in":
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(00:13:31.350)
Westman, Claire: "their tradition were, and sort of what the focus of that": (00:13:36.378)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy was.": (00:13:40.101)
Westman, Claire: "But again, it was also used to justify racial and": (00:13:41.560)
Westman, Claire: "cultural discrimination when it sort of first came to the country.": (00:13:44.552)
Westman, Claire: "However.": (00:13:49.240)
Westman, Claire: "In this tradition or in these universities?": (00:13:51.000)
Westman, Claire: "There was a movement towards social and political resistance against apartheid,":
(00:13:53.910)
Westman, Claire: "against discrimination.": (00:13:59.223)
Westman, Claire: "And so that can be seen sort of arising in what were traditionally sort of more":
(00:14:02.200)
Westman, Claire: "English speaking universities. However, you will see in the study guide that":
(00:14:08.650)
Westman, Claire: "there's also a lot of contestation.": (00:14:14.859)
Westman, Claire: "There's a lot of critique of this idea because it was argued that.": (00:14:17.680)
Westman, Claire: "A lot of political resistance came out of these universities that there were people":
(00:14:23.270)
Westman, Claire: "sort of standing up against discrimination and against apartheid": (00:14:29.952)
Westman, Claire: "ideologies, but very often.": (00:14:35.123)
Westman, Claire: "In reality, that wasn't really the situation.": (00:14:38.720)
Westman, Claire: "It was still this ongoing discrimination, this ongoing hierarchy in the":
(00:14:41.440)
Westman, Claire: "universities that privileged white people that privileged Western ideologies over":
(00:14:46.401)
Westman, Claire: "African ideologies.": (00:14:52.051)
Westman, Claire: "They're privileged.": (00:14:54.520)
Westman, Claire: "The colonizers, rather than making a real move towards": (00:14:56.760)
Westman, Claire: "decolonization, towards.": (00:15:02.414)
Westman, Claire: "Sort of going against discrimination and going against.": (00:15:06.440)
Westman, Claire: "The subordination of indigenous or black people in South Africa.": (00:15:11.840)
Westman, Claire: "So these are just the sort of main traditions that came into South Africa.":
(00:15:18.000)
Westman, Claire: "When philosophy was first introduced into universities.": (00:15:25.310)
Westman, Claire: "Go read through that section.": (00:15:30.520)
Westman, Claire: "It's not imperative.": (00:15:32.160)
Westman, Claire: "It's not vital for your assignment, but it can help you to sort of have the":
(00:15:34.080)
Westman, Claire: "background or the the groundwork for why Western philosophy became so
dominant in": (00:15:40.502)
Westman, Claire: "South African philosoph philosophy departments in the 1st place,": (00:15:47.431)
Westman, Claire: "but also for why.": (00:15:52.924)
Westman, Claire: "It might still be problematic K, because if.": (00:15:54.950)
Westman, Claire: "These traditions are still sort of the foundation of philosophy departments":
(00:16:00.080)
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Westman, Claire: "philosophy curricula today.": (00:16:06.160)

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Westman, Claire: "Are they still contributing towards?": (00:16:09.880)
Westman, Claire: "The undermining of African knowledge systems,": (00:16:14.280)
Westman, Claire: "are they still contributing to privileging Western knowledge over?": (00:16:17.505)
Westman, Claire: "African knowledge.": (00:16:23.640)
Westman, Claire: "Are they still perpetuating the ideas?": (00:16:24.950)
Westman, Claire: "That came when they were first introduced in South Africa in Africa.":
(00:16:30.720)
Westman, Claire: "Sorry, I've got a bit of a cough today.": (00:16:36.520)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:16:40.470)
Westman, Claire: "So that's sort of just to help you have that foundation for understanding.":
(00:16:40.670)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:16:47.120)
Westman, Claire: "Obviously, over time there has been a lot of change": (00:16:49.200)
Westman, Claire: "in philosophy curricula.": (00:16:52.019)
Westman, Claire: "There's been a lot of change in philosophy departments.": (00:16:53.320)
Westman, Claire: "There's been a move towards trying to bring in more African philosophy to":
(00:16:56.120)
Westman, Claire: "trying to do away with a lot of the sort of hierarchies and the discrimination.":
(00:17:02.579)
Westman, Claire: "That was present, but it's for you to think about.": (00:17:09.670)
Westman, Claire: "Has this happened?": (00:17:13.396)
Westman, Claire: "Our philosophy departments you might.": (00:17:16.880)
Westman, Claire: "You obviously might not have a lot of.": (00:17:18.680)
Westman, Claire: "Experience with philosophy departments, but thinking about it,": (00:17:22.800)
Westman, Claire: "do you think that we have made a move?": (00:17:27.391)
Westman, Claire: "So what this has led to is that in contemporary philosophy departments,":
(00:17:30.760)
Westman, Claire: "contemporary philosophy curriculums just contemporary philosophy in general.":
(00:17:35.071)
Westman, Claire: "African experiences have been disregarded in favor of Western experiences.":
(00:17:41.630)
Westman, Claire: "Western Knowledge Systems, Western beliefs.": (00:17:47.870)
Westman, Claire: "This means that African philosophy remains largely marginalized or devalued.":
(00:17:51.800)
Westman, Claire: "And it's often seen as an inferior alternative to Western philosophy.":
(00:17:59.080)
Westman, Claire: "So even where African philosophy is offered at universities, often it is.":
(00:18:03.000)
Westman, Claire: "Is considered to be sort of and you'll see it says this in the study guide,":
(00:18:09.910)
Westman, Claire: "like in quotes and quotes.": (00:18:14.470)
Westman, Claire: "An exotic option rather than the main philosophy that you study.": (00:18:16.030)
Westman, Claire: "It's like it's sort of an alternative to Western philosophy,": (00:18:21.670)
Westman, Claire: "which is considered the main or predominant philosophy.": (00:18:26.200)
Westman, Claire: "So African philosophy remains undervalued. It remains marginal.": (00:18:30.358)
Westman, Claire: "It remains considered inferior to Western philosophy.": (00:18:35.880)
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Westman, Claire: "And obviously this is tied to racist ideas around the humanity and rationality":
(00:18:40.110)
Westman, Claire: "of Africans.": (00:18:46.326)
Westman, Claire: "So if you are doing introduction to African philosophy as well.": (00:18:47.510)
Westman, Claire: "You will there learn quite a lot about how a lot of the reason that African":
(00:18:53.160)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy is still marginalized and devalued is because of this ongoing":
(00:18:59.496)
Westman, Claire: "colonial racist idea that African people.": (00:19:05.582)
Westman, Claire: "Cannot use rationality.": (00:19:09.510)
Westman, Claire: "African people cannot reason as well as Western people as well as white people,":
(00:19:11.110)
Westman, Claire: "so this is an awful ongoing racist idea that continues to play into the reason":
(00:19:17.562)
Westman, Claire: "that African philosophy is.": (00:19:23.933)
Westman, Claire: "Considered marginal?": (00:19:27.270)
Westman, Claire: "Always considered as inferior to Western philosophy.": (00:19:28.230)
Westman, Claire: "Obviously there's been a lot of change around those ideas has been a lot of":
(00:19:32.390)
Westman, Claire: "progress.": (00:19:36.825)
Westman, Claire: "Towards moving away from those ideas, but some of the reason why African":
(00:19:38.840)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy is still not considered as important as Western philosophy ties into.":
(00:19:43.808)
Westman, Claire: "The the ideologies associated with African reason and rationality.": (00:19:51.880)
Westman, Claire: "Team. So in order for philosophy to be": (00:19:56.870)
Westman, Claire: "liberated and to be considered.": (00:20:01.082)
Westman, Claire: "You know as important or even or as valuable or.": (00:20:05.960)
Westman, Claire: "To sort of have as important a place in philosophy as does Western philosophy.":
(00:20:12.190)
Westman, Claire: "That is argued that African philosophy should become the lens or the framework":
(00:20:18.820)
Westman, Claire: "through which other philosophical traditions are viewed and engaged with.":
(00:20:23.812)
Westman, Claire: "As it currently stands.": (00:20:28.487)
Westman, Claire: "Western philosophy is considered the framework or the the lens through which":
(00:20:31.470)
Westman, Claire: "we view African philosophy.": (00:20:36.860)
Westman, Claire: "So we use Western philosophical frameworks or ideas to understand Africa":
(00:20:38.750)
Westman, Claire: "and African philosophy.": (00:20:45.077)
Westman, Claire: "And I see a very good question in the chat, which we're going to get to.":
(00:20:47.580)
Westman, Claire: "Which we're going to think about now as we move through these.": (00:20:54.950)
Westman, Claire: "So it's a very good question.": (00:20:59.070)
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Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:21:02.550)

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Westman, Claire: "So when you are answering the question, let's just go back and look at the":
(00:21:06.670)
Westman, Claire: "guestion again when you're answering the guestion,": (00:21:11.511)
Westman, Claire: "you're asked to consider the potential benefits and drawbacks or negatives of":
(00:21:14.803)
Westman, Claire: "prioritizing Western philosophical thought in this context.": (00:21:19.838)
Westman, Claire: "So what it's asking you to do is to think about why it might be justifiable.":
(00:21:24.070)
Westman, Claire: "And a good thing.": (00:21:32.390)
Westman, Claire: "To continue to prioritize Western thought.": (00:21:34.340)
Westman, Claire: "And White might not be.": (00:21:38.910)
Westman, Claire: "So let's look at some of the value of Western philosophy.": (00:21:39.990)
Westman, Claire: "So Western philosophy.": (00:21:46.190)
Westman, Claire: "Can provide us with studying Western philosophy like you are in this module.":
(00:21:49.470)
Westman, Claire: "Can give insights into and knowledge of theories that are very prominent in":
(00:21:53.510)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy globally.": (00:21:58.102)
Westman, Claire: "They can then be applied to African.": (00:22:00.990)
Westman, Claire: "Challenges, context, realities.": (00:22:03.420)
Westman, Claire: "Obviously, Western philosophy is there's a lot more": (00:22:06.260)
Westman, Claire: "access to the writings of Western philosophy,": (00:22:09.973)
Westman, Claire: "and that is one of the reasons it's also become sort of more dominant is because":
(00:22:13.257)
Westman, Claire: "we have more access to the recordings of Western philosophers,": (00:22:19.041)
Westman, Claire: "the writings of Western philosophers.": (00:22:23.539)
Westman, Claire: "So we can argue that.": (00:22:26.500)
Westman, Claire: "Western philosophy gives us theories. It gives us information.": (00:22:30.030)
Westman, Claire: "And it gives us frameworks that we can use and that we can apply to African":
(00:22:34.500)
Westman, Claire: "challenges.": (00:22:40.371)
Westman, Claire: "Context live realities.": (00:22:41.220)
Westman, Claire: "We can adapt them in order to make them relevant to our situations, our contexts."
: (00:22:43.140)
Westman, Claire: "So that's one thing you might argue in in favour of Western philosophy.":
(00:22:51.220)
Westman, Claire: "Another thing is that the conceptual tools and frameworks, as I said,":
(00:22:57.670)
Westman, Claire: "are recognized.": (00:23:02.579)
Westman, Claire: "Understood and applied globally. So if you want to or currently as it is,":
(00:23:04.300)
Westman, Claire: "if you want to engage in philosophy on a global level, often you need.":
(00:23:09.628)
Westman, Claire: "Well, generally you need to have an": (00:23:14.740)
Westman, Claire: "understanding.": (00:23:16.843)
Westman, Claire: "Of those dominant theories and frameworks, in order to be able to contribute to
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the": (00:23:19.070)
Westman, Claire: "global philosophical discourse.": (00:23:25.089)
Westman, Claire: "And then obviously these are also applied to many other fields like law.":
(00:23:29.110)
Westman, Claire: "So to engage in philosophy on a global level,": (00:23:33.420)
Westman, Claire: "you have to have that foundational knowledge that comes from Western":
(00:23:36.399)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy.": (00:23:40.868)
Westman, Claire: "But we are then able to adapt that to the African context.": (00:23:42.380)
Westman, Claire: "So that is why you might argue that Western philosophy is still valued.":
(00:23:46.406)
Westman, Claire: "Whether you then say that it should be prioritized over African philosophy in an":
(00:23:51.318)
Westman, Claire: "African context is another question.": (00:23:56.844)
Westman, Claire: "So remember when you're answering this guestion.": (00:24:00.180)
Westman, Claire: "You can say yes it is justifiable and it is desirable to prioritize Western":
(00:24:04.510)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy and then you give reasons.": (00:24:11.128)
Westman, Claire: "You might say no we should.": (00:24:14.710)
Westman, Claire: "Absolutely not.": (00:24:16.390)
Westman, Claire: "Prioritize Western philosophy and you can give reasons or you can give a more":
(00:24:20.030)
Westman, Claire: "neutral stance where you can say.": (00:24:26.495)
Westman, Claire: "Well, there is value to Western philosophy.": (00:24:29.790)
Westman, Claire: "So This is why we should still incorporate and have a focus on Western":
(00:24:32.710)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy, but at the same time, there must be much more focus and":
(00:24:38.745)
Westman, Claire: "prioritization of African philosophy.": (00:24:44.525)
Westman, Claire: "So that remember there's no one correct answer for these questions.":
(00:24:49.150)
Westman, Claire: "You need to consider what your stance is.": (00:24:54.230)
Westman, Claire: "And then you need to develop an argument that supports that argument.":
(00:24:59.300)
Westman, Claire: "That claim that you are making OK.": (00:25:04.443)
Westman, Claire: "So that's what we are looking for when we mark your work.": (00:25:06.940)
Westman, Claire: "Have you taken a stance?": (00:25:11.350)
Westman, Claire: "Have you made a claim? So for example, your claim might be no.": (00:25:12.750)
Westman, Claire: "We must get rid of Western philosophy.": (00:25:16.942)
Westman, Claire: "This. OK. That's a very, very strong claim,": (00:25:19.470)
Westman, Claire: "and you'd need a very good.": (00:25:21.900)
Westman, Claire: "Argument to support that, but you might say no.": (00:25:25.070)
Westman, Claire: "Get rid of Western philosophy entirely.": (00:25:27.150)
Westman, Claire: "Be.": (00:25:28.900)
Westman, Claire: "We then want to see that you have made a very valid, good,": (00:25:29.940)
Westman, Claire: "strong argument to support that claim, OK.": (00:25:34.637)
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Westman, Claire: "So we don't.": (00:25:38.220)
Westman, Claire: "We don't.": (00:25:39.420)
Westman, Claire: "We're not marking you on which answer you give.": (00:25:40.460)
Westman, Claire: "It's on how you answer the question, OK?": (00:25:42.820)
Westman, Claire: "So when you're answering this question, you might say this is the value of":
(00:25:46.100)
Westman, Claire: "Western philosophy.": (00:25:49.292)
Westman, Claire: "This is why it should be prioritized.": (00:25:50.140)
Westman, Claire: "Or this is the value of Western philosophy, and even though it has value.":
(00:25:52.340)
Westman, Claire: "In an African context.": (00:25:57.750)
Westman, Claire: "Or even globally, African philosophy should be prioritized": (00:25:59.420)
Westman, Claire: "For these reasons.": (00:26:03.527)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:26:06.230)
Westman, Claire: "I see a lot of questions or comments coming in,": (00:26:06.390)
Westman, Claire: "so we'll look at them once we are finished with this question.": (00:26:08.881)
Westman, Claire: "So some of the suggestions that you might consider when thinking about
prioritising": (00:26:12.590)
Westman, Claire: "African philosophy is that the ongoing prioritization of Western philosophy.":
(00:26:18.726)
Westman, Claire: "Continues to uphold the idea that Africans.": (00:26:26.110)
Westman, Claire: "Aren't capable of engaging in rational philosophical thought,": (00:26:29.540)
Westman, Claire: "so remember that goes back to what I said earlier.": (00:26:33.008)
Westman, Claire: "Prioritising Western philosophy can also lead to the neglect or distortion of":
(00:26:37.310)
Westman, Claire: "indigenous knowledge and therefore African philosophy should be prioritized":
(00:26:43.566)
Westman, Claire: "in African context or even more globally.": (00:26:49.662)
Westman, Claire: "You can argue whichever.": (00:26:52.950)
Westman, Claire: "So because when we are applying.": (00:26:56.550)
Westman, Claire: "Western knowledge to the African context, that means that we are not always":
(00:27:00.140)
Westman, Claire: "considering indigenous knowledge.": (00:27:05.523)
Westman, Claire: "Or knowledge or belief systems.": (00:27:09.710)
Westman, Claire: "Or frameworks that come out of Africa.": (00:27:12.230)
Westman, Claire: "Sometimes we just sort of adapting African knowledge or African beliefs to":
(00:27:15.590)
Westman, Claire: "the Western framework. So we might say that we want to": (00:27:21.050)
Westman, Claire: "prioritize African philosophy as a way to.": (00:27:25.053)
Westman, Claire: "Prioritize.": (00:27:29.870)
Westman, Claire: "Indigenous knowledge as a way to make sure that we don't neglect or distort":
(00:27:30.380)
Westman, Claire: "African beliefs.": (00:27:36.295)
Westman, Claire: "African knowledge systems, the knowledge and theories that are": (00:27:37.540)
Westman, Claire: "coming out of Africa.": (00:27:42.670)
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Westman, Claire: "And of course, I'm sure you've heard the word decolonize": (00:27:45.790)

Westman, Claire: "before.": (00:27:49.139) **Westman, Claire**: "So the focus, we could argue that the focus should be": (00:27:51.230) Westman, Claire: "on African philosophy as a way to decolonize the curriculums and enhance": (00:27:54.227) **Westman, Claire**: "the discourse, the philosophical.": (00:27:58.279) Westman, Claire: "Knowledge that comes from Africa.": (00:28:00.620) Westman, Claire: "These are just some suggestions for what you could include in your answer.": (00:28:04.220) Westman, Claire: "They are not all of them, OK.": (00:28:10.470) **Westman, Claire**: "So you are going to, as I say, think about what your answer to that is.": (00:28:12.030) Westman, Claire: "Is it sustainable?": (00:28:17.694) **Westman, Claire**: "Can this continue in an African context?": (00:28:19.150) Westman, Claire: "Can we continue to prioritize Western philosophy when it might not be focusing?": (00:28:23.030) Westman, Claire: "On African challenges, African.": (00:28:30.020) Westman, Claire: "Is it ethically desirable?": (00:28:34.470) **Westman, Claire**: "So here in terms of ethically desirable, we think about ethically," : (00:28:36.670) Westman, Claire: "is it OK to prioritise Western philosophy in, for example,": (00:28:42.001) **Westman, Claire**: "South Africa when it is distorting indigenous knowledge?": (00:28:46.695) Westman, Claire: "Is it ethically desirable or is it OK ethically OK to prioritise Western": (00:28:51.230) Westman, Claire: "philosophy?": (00:28:57.696) **Westman, Claire**: "When one of the ways it was used was to justify discrimination,": (00:28:59.100) **Westman, Claire**: "has that changed over time?": (00:29:05.374) Westman, Claire: "So these are some of the things that you're going to be thinking about when": (00:29:09.990)**Westman, Claire**: "you answer this assignment.": (00:29:13.768) Westman, Claire: "So these are some ideas of what you might consider when you are coming up with your": (00:29:15.390) Westman, Claire: "answer.": (00:29:20.154) Westman, Claire: "Obviously you're all going to give us a different answer,": (00:29:20.910) **Westman, Claire**: "and that's like the amazing thing about philosophy, everybody.": (00:29:24.074) **Westman, Claire**: "Sort of gets.": (00:29:28.990) **Westman, Claire**: "To their own idea and their own claims and their own arguments.": (00:29:29.540) Westman, Claire: "So we just want to see that you have thought carefully about.": (00:29:33.340) **Westman, Claire**: "Those how you feel about those if it's ethically justifiable and if it's": (00:29:38.550) Westman, Claire: "sustainable.": (00:29:42.707) Westman, Claire: "So some things you could think about, I think we won't focus on it too much now": (00:29:44.780) **Westman, Claire**: "because of time, but you might think about how would you": (00:29:50.729) **Westman, Claire**: "define African philosophy?": (00:29:54.967) **Westman, Claire**: "Do you think that African philosophy is prioritised in universities?": (00:29:58.630) Westman, Claire: "And obviously again your first year, first semester some of you have done": (00:30:02.941) **Westman, Claire**: "philosophy, maybe at other institutions before you": (00:30:07.565)

Westman, Claire: "moved to UNICEF.": (00:30:10.751)
Westman, Claire: "But from the little but you know, do you think African philosophy is": (00:30:12.260)

Westman, Claire: "prioritized?": (00:30:17.303)

Westman, Claire: "Should African philosophy department or should philosophy departments in Africa": (00:30:18.820)

Westman, Claire: "focus on Western philosophy or should they focus more on African philosophy?": (00:30:24.609)

Westman, Claire: "Should Western philosophy be sort of the alternative and African philosophy be the": (00:30:30.180)

Westman, Claire: "main?": (00:30:36.632)

Westman, Claire: "Philosophical framework.": (00:30:37.750)

Westman, Claire: "The main philosophical discourse." : (00:30:39.150)

Westman, Claire: "In the departments and how can African philosophy contribute to improving social": (00:30:41.380)

Westman, Claire: "political economic conditions in Africa?": (00:30:48.824)

Westman, Claire: "In South Africa, if you wanted to be more specific.": (00:30:52.500)

Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:30:56.790)

Westman, Claire: "So those that's a bit of the content that you will need in order to answer question": (00:30:57.110)

Westman, Claire: "one, let me look quickly at the chat in the if": (00:31:03.198)

Westman, Claire: "you have any questions.": (00:31:06.604)

Westman, Claire: "Please ask them.": (00:31:10.190)

Westman, Claire: "You can put your hand up or you can ask him in the chat.": (00:31:12.690)

Westman, Claire: "OK. So our first comment says, don't you think in a way Western": (00:31:15.570)

Westman, Claire: "philosophy will forever be dominant considering at the foundation of": (00:31:19.733)

Westman, Claire: "philosophy was founded by colonizers and we have adopted and lived the way of the": (00:31:24.220)

Westman, Claire: "West, it would be considerably hard to actually": (00:31:29.553)

Westman, Claire: "know and establish African.": (00:31:32.674)

Westman, Claire: "Philosophy, unless we dig into the history books,": (00:31:34.430)

Westman, Claire: "which would take time to find out the truth of African philosophy.": (00:31:36.730)

Westman, Claire: "That is a very good point, and that's something that you can": (00:31:40.550)

Westman, Claire: "consider.": (00:31:42.990)

Westman, Claire: "While you are doing your assignment.": (00:31:43.740)

Westman, Claire: "So.": (00:31:46.790)

Westman, Claire: "A lot of the argument is also that." : (00:31:48.910)

Westman, Claire: "Even people doing African philosophy have been trained in Western philosophy.": (00:31:53.320)

Westman, Claire: "So many, even prominent African philosophers were": (00:32:00.630)

Westman, Claire: "trained in institutions." : (00:32:04.657)

Westman, Claire: "That only taught Western philosophy, so there's always that argument that even": (00:32:08.190)

Westman, Claire: "prominent African philosophers are influenced by Western philosophy.":

(00:32:13.528)

Westman, Claire: "So that's a very important point.": (00:32:18.870)

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Westman, Claire: "It's a very good point.": (00:32:22.660)
Westman, Claire: "And of course, the some of the challenge that we find": (00:32:25.350)
Westman, Claire: "with African philosophy is that a lot of it was passed down through oral":
(00:32:28.606)
Westman, Claire: "traditions rather than through writing. And so that's one of the reasons that":
(00:32:33.007)
Westman, Claire: "African philosophies, the history of African philosophy,": (00:32:37.709)
Westman, Claire: "can be a bit more." : (00:32:41.145)
Westman, Claire: "Difficult to dig into because there aren't the written records that there are":
(00:32:42.230)
Westman, Claire: "for Western philosophy.": (00:32:46.586)
Westman, Claire: "However, there is a lot of work being done.": (00:32:48.510)
Westman, Claire: "In Africa.": (00:32:52.070)
Westman, Claire: "Philosophy.": (00:32:52.540)
Westman, Claire: "To go back into looking into indigenous knowledge systems into developing
African": (00:32:54.790)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy.": (00:33:01.456)
Westman, Claire: "That.": (00:33:04.750)
Westman, Claire: "Goes back to some pre colonial ideas, some pre colonial beliefs and of course":
(00:33:05.220)
Westman, Claire: "again even that is tricky because we know that colonialism impacted upon.":
(00:33:12.733)
Westman, Claire: "Cultures and beliefs and traditions so immensely.": (00:33:21.310)
Westman, Claire: "But this is getting to a much more complex discussion, but very,": (00:33:26.510)
Westman, Claire: "very interesting one.": (00:33:31.559)
Westman, Claire: "And that is a very good comment.": (00:33:33.190)
Westman, Claire: "So thank you very much.": (00:33:36.300)
Westman, Claire: "I think that's something that everybody should kind of think about.": (00:33:37.540)
Westman, Claire: "Is it possible?": (00:33:41.375)
Westman, Claire: "To move away from.": (00:33:43.910)
Westman, Claire: "Or or to sort of not rely on Western philosophy, at least at this stage.":
(00:33:47.590)
Westman, Claire: "Is it possible to only look at African philosophy?": (00:33:53.383)
Westman, Claire: "Because if we think about things like epistemology, metaphysics, ontology,":
(00:33:57.870)
Westman, Claire: "a lot of those ideas.": (00:34:04.027)
Westman, Claire: "Most of those sort of frameworks or theories stem from Western philosophy,":
(00:34:06.420)
Westman, Claire: "or at least we learn them through a western philosophical lens,": (00:34:12.019)
Westman, Claire: "because that's what we have written records of.": (00:34:16.797)
Westman, Claire: "So there are many arguments about that.": (00:34:21.460)
Westman, Claire: "But again, we won't go into that.": (00:34:23.140)
Westman, Claire: "But can we even do African philosophy, let's say,": (00:34:25.780)
Westman, Claire: "without having that foundation that we gain from Western philosophy?":
(00:34:28.705)
Westman, Claire: "So that's something for you to think about very carefully.": (00:34:32.740)
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Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:34:38.590)
Westman, Claire: "Oh yes.": (00:34:38.870)
Westman, Claire: "And then the next comment.": (00:34:39.190)
Westman, Claire: "Western philosophy did dilute African culture.": (00:34:40.910)
Westman, Claire: "Yes, absolutely.": (00:34:43.990)
Westman, Claire: "The the arrival of colonizers diluted and distorted and impacted so greatly upon":
(00:34:46.870)
Westman, Claire: "African culture.": (00:34:53.484)
Westman, Claire: "And so it's also even difficult to know now what traditions, beliefs,": (00:34:55.740)
Westman, Claire: "cultures were like pre colonial.": (00:35:01.066)
Westman, Claire: "Again, because a lot of it has been handed down": (00:35:03.860)
Westman, Claire: "orally.": (00:35:06.793)
Westman, Claire: "And over time, so a lot of it has changed.": (00:35:08.670)
Westman, Claire: "I'm just gonna mute everybody. Somebody's mark is on.": (00:35:14.100)
CASHENY LAMOLA: "Yeah.": (00:35:17.820)
Westman, Claire: "I do see your. I did see your hand up, but I see it's down now.": (00:35:18.500)
Westman, Claire: "Sorry, let me just go back here.": (00:35:24.830)
Westman, Claire: "If you argue that it's not ethically desirable for Western philosophy to":
(00:35:28.350)
Westman, Claire: "maintain its dominance, are you meant to argue that it's rather": (00:35:32.505)
Westman, Claire: "ethically desirable that African philosophy is dominant," : (00:35:36.147)
Westman, Claire: "or that neither should be?": (00:35:39.391)
Westman, Claire: "You can't, yes.": (00:35:41.380)
Westman, Claire: "So again, you can say that neither should be": (00:35:43.910)
Westman, Claire: "dominant, that there should be a balance between": (00:35:47.140)
Westman, Claire: "Western philosophy and African philosophy.": (00:35:50.656)
Westman, Claire: "You can absolutely argue that you don't have to say just because you say
Western": (00:35:53.670)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy shouldn't be dominant. African philosophy,": (00:35:59.252)
Westman, Claire: "should you do not have to say that you can.": (00:36:02.973)
Westman, Claire: "But you can say African philosophy and Western philosophy.": (00:36:06.005)
Westman, Claire: "Should both be valued.": (00:36:10.340)
Westman, Claire: "There should be a balance between them because both of them bring value to the"
: (00:36:11.860)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy departments to philosophy discourse.": (00:36:16.389)
Westman, Claire: "Both of them have important knowledge.": (00:36:19.140)
Westman, Claire: "That can be imparted. OK, so I hope that answers the question.": (00:36:22.950)
Westman, Claire: "Question one.": (00:36:28.110)
Westman, Claire: "Can only use the study guide for reference.": (00:36:28.630)
Westman, Claire: "You can only use the study guide if you find the information in there is all that":
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Westman, Claire: "So you must reference the study guide if you want to look for other sources,":

Westman, Claire: "you need in order to answer the question. So remember.": (00:36:35.835)

Westman, Claire: "because you need more information.": (00:36:48.553)

Westman, Claire: "The study guide is your main source.": (00:36:40.580)

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Westman, Claire: "Than you are.": (00:36:51.990)
Westman, Claire: "You can do that, but if you find for this assignment that": (00:36:52.390)
Westman, Claire: "the study guide is all you need, then you can just focus on the study":
(00:36:56.340)
Westman, Claire: "guide for assessment two. You will need to look at other sources": (00:37:01.107)
Westman, Claire: "and include evidence from other sources as well.": (00:37:05.534)
Westman, Claire: "OK, how can you reference me?": (00:37:14.900)
Westman, Claire: "You can reference the recording if you want to,": (00:37:16.580)
Westman, Claire: "but also remember a lot of these ideas come from the study guide.":
(00:37:19.814)
Westman, Claire: "And if you do research, you will also find a lot of these ideas": (00:37:26.230)
Westman, Claire: "in the research, OK?": (00:37:29.979)
Westman, Claire: "So these are my necessary my ideas.": (00:37:31.150)
Westman, Claire: "They are ideas that you will also find in in research,": (00:37:36.110)
Westman, Claire: "but you can reference the recording if you like.": (00:37:39.791)
Westman, Claire: "Can you argue that Western philosophy taught on the African continent has been":
(00:37:47.380)
Westman, Claire: "influenced by African culture? Given given the forces amalgamation of":
(00:37:52.208)
Westman, Claire: "indigenous with the colonizers?": (00:37:56.486)
Westman, Claire: "Yes, absolutely.": (00:37:58.380)
Westman, Claire: "So if you want to argue that Western philosophy has been when it was brought":
(00:37:59.660)
Westman, Claire: "to the African continent, it was influenced by African culture.": (00:38:04.881)
Westman, Claire: "It has been influenced by indigenous knowledge systems or African knowledge":
(00:38:09.950)
Westman, Claire: "and beliefs.": (00:38:14.027)
Westman, Claire: "You can argue that that's a very interesting point as well.": (00:38:15.220)
Westman, Claire: "So remember again.": (00:38:19.682)
Westman, Claire: "You can develop any argument that you feel answers those questions,":
(00:38:22.790)
Westman, Claire: "or any that does answer those questions. As long as you show how you got to that"
: (00:38:27.663)
Westman, Claire: "argument. As long as you've got the reference": (00:38:33.468)
Westman, Claire: "evidence in there to support your claim.": (00:38:36.764)
Westman, Claire: "S.": (00:38:39.940)
Westman, Claire: "Can I reference a YouTube video?": (00:38:43.670)
Westman, Claire: "You can reference a YouTube video. Just make sure that it is a credible":
(00:38:45.350)
Westman, Claire: "source.": (00:38:50.163)
Westman, Claire: "So there are for example, some that are done by professors.": (00:38:50.630)
Westman, Claire: "In philosophy, there are some that are done by.": (00:38:54.790)
Westman, Claire: "Sort of learning institution.": (00:38:59.750)
Westman, Claire: "So make sure it's those OK.": (00:39:00.990)
Westman, Claire: "Can we agree African philosophy should be dominant in African communities and
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not": (00:39:06.030)

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Westman, Claire: "all over the world?": (00:39:10.025)
Westman, Claire: "Again, yes, you can do that.": (00:39:10.950)
Westman, Claire: "Because again, if we're saying we're looking at": (00:39:13.580)
Westman, Claire: "challenges in, let's say, for example, Ukraine, because they, you know,":
(00:39:17.380)
Westman, Claire: "in a war at the moment.": (00:39:23.080)
Westman, Claire: "The information the knowledge from Africa, maybe we could say is not really
relevant": (00:39:26.430)
Westman, Claire: "to their context.": (00:39:29.830)
Westman, Claire: "Theirs is more sort of Eastern European philosophy or European philosophy is
more": (00:39:32.470)
Westman, Claire: "relevant to them. So you might say that in Africa,": (00:39:37.390)
Westman, Claire: "African philosophy.": (00:39:40.450)
Westman, Claire: "Should.": (00:39:42.980)
Westman, Claire: "Dominant but not everywhere.": (00:39:45.580)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:39:51.920)
Westman, Claire: "Some really, really good points here.": (00:39:53.990)
Westman, Claire: "Yes. So another very good point here from": (00:40:00.670)
Westman, Claire: "Allison at the end.": (00:40:04.003)
Westman, Claire: "African philosophy existed before Western philosophy,": (00:40:05.510)
Westman, Claire: "but there's no written record of it.": (00:40:08.366)
Westman, Claire: "Very, very good point.": (00:40:10.910)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:40:13.630)
Westman, Claire: "Let me just I'm not going to go through everything because we're running out of":
(00:40:13.790)
Westman, Claire: "time already. Do we have to have a bibliography?": (00:40:17.313)
Westman, Claire: "Three, yes, absolutely. In text referencing and bibliography,": (00:40:19.540)
Westman, Claire: "is it OK to paraphrase information from AI? No.": (00:40:24.298)
Westman, Claire: "Reference Al no, OK.": (00:40:29.990)
Westman, Claire: "The university has a strict policy against using Al.": (00:40:35.160)
Westman, Claire: "You can use Al maybe to give you an idea of how you want to structure your
answer,": (00:40:38.755)
Westman, Claire: "what you want to include.": (00:40:44.385)
Westman, Claire: "But Al is very unreliable.": (00:40:46.080)
Westman, Claire: "Still so often it will give you very vague information.": (00:40:48.920)
Westman, Claire: "Sometimes it gives you incorrect information.": (00:40:56.200)
Westman, Claire: "So there are many, many, many sources that you can use.": (00:40:59.790)
Westman, Claire: "So please don't rely on Al.": (00:41:03.150)
Westman, Claire: "It's like Wikipedia. You can use it as a starting point to": (00:41:06.020)
Westman, Claire: "give you if you don't know anything about the topic, you can use it as an idea.":
(00:41:09.060)
Westman, Claire: "Of sort of help you get an idea of the topic to help you sort of get your mind":
(00:41:14.950)
Westman, Claire: "around it, to think about how to structure your": (00:41:18.958)
Westman, Claire: "assignment.": (00:41:21.392)
Westman, Claire: "But you should not be actually taking information from an AR source, OK?":
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(00:41:22.950)
Westman, Claire: "So be very, very careful of that. And for example, in assignment two,":
(00:41:27.670)
Westman, Claire: "when you use turnitin.": (00:41:31.353)
Westman, Claire: "It picks up if you've used AI OK.": (00:41:33.780)
Westman, Claire: "So it's very it's a contentious topic, but please rather look for good":
(00:41:36.340)
Westman, Claire: "information.": (00:41:44.176)
Westman, Claire: "Anything that you find on an AR source is going to be in a credible source.":
(00:41:45.500)
Westman, Claire: "So my suggestion is also you can start with the AR to get an idea,": (00:41:50.900)
Westman, Claire: "but go look for those credible sources.": (00:41:56.311)
Westman, Claire: "That then help you to back up that information.": (00:42:00.190)
Westman, Claire: "And make sure you're referencing the credible sources, OK.": (00:42:03.580)
Westman, Claire: "You can if you if you OK.": (00:42:09.740)
Westman, Claire: "It's no OK.": (00:42:12.820)
Westman, Claire: "It's very tricky and it's beyond the scope of this meeting,": (00:42:13.700)
Westman, Claire: "so I'll just leave it at that for now, OK.": (00:42:17.159)
Westman, Claire: "Yes, that's what I'm saying.": (00:42:23.680)
Westman, Claire: "Is that you can use AI as a way to help you start off your understanding,":
(00:42:25.440)
Westman, Claire: "but it's not the information you should not be actually using that information in":
(00:42:32.145)
Westman, Claire: "your work.": (00:42:39.574)
Westman, Claire: "You use it to give you a general first idea of what the topic is about,":
(00:42:40.600)
Westman, Claire: "so you can.": (00:42:45.771)
Westman, Claire: "It's the same as Wikipedia.": (00:42:46.600)
Westman, Claire: "You cannot reference Wikipedia in.": (00:42:47.960)
Westman, Claire: "Academic work. It's not academic.": (00:42:50.990)
Westman, Claire: "Anybody can write anything on there, but you can go read Wikipedia to get an":
(00:42:53.030)
Westman, Claire: "idea of what the topic is about and then go look at the sources that Wikipedia":
(00:42:57.891)
Westman, Claire: "gives you and go find those sources.": (00:43:02.878)
Westman, Claire: "You can use AI to give you an idea to help you think about how to structure":
(00:43:06.630)
Westman, Claire: "your answer.": (00:43:10.569)
Westman, Claire: "What kind of point you might include, but then when you're referencing in your":
(00:43:11.590)
Westman, Claire: "work, the work you include as referenced": (00:43:16.349)
Westman, Claire: "evidence needs to come from academic sources.": (00:43:18.819)
Westman, Claire: "If you do use AI to help you brainstorm to help you develop a structure,":
(00:43:22.500)
Westman, Claire: "you can give credit to the Al source that you use, but it is very.": (00:43:28.028)
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Westman, Claire: "It is a tricky situation right now, so I would suggest avoid AI as much as":

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(00:43:35.340)
Westman, Claire: "possible.": (00:43:43.519)
Westman, Claire: "Just because what ends up happening is people submit fully AR answers,":
(00:43:44.540)
Westman, Claire: "and then you're going to get 00K if you submit an answer that has been
generated": (00:43:49.094)
Westman, Claire: "by Al, you will get 0.": (00:43:54.289)
Westman, Claire: "Somebody's mic is on, I think.": (00:43:57.110)
Westman, Claire: "Let me just check again.": (00:43:58.630)
Westman, Claire: "I keep muting them all, but people obviously keep unmuting": (00:43:59.790)
Westman, Claire: "themselves.": (00:44:03.027)
Westman, Claire: "Beverly, your hand is up.": (00:44:05.170)
Westman, Claire: "You can unmute yourself.": (00:44:12.630)
Westman, Claire: "Beverly.": (00:44:19.610)
Westman, Claire: "Yes, you can use Al as a planning tool.": (00:44:27.970)
Westman, Claire: "OK, Beverly.": (00:44:30.210)
Westman, Claire: "Was it an accidental hand? OK.": (00:44:31.490)
Westman, Claire: "We are running out of time.": (00:44:36.020)
Westman, Claire: "We still have a lot to do, so let's continue, but very good points.": (00:44:37.140)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:44:43.230)
Westman, Claire: "I've mentioned the declaration letter so many times, there is a button,":
(00:44:43.550)
Westman, Claire: "a block that you click when you open the assignment.": (00:44:48.550)
Westman, Claire: "That.": (00:44:53.620)
Westman, Claire: "Says that you declare honesty blah blah. You click that,": (00:44:55.830)
Westman, Claire: "but that little block it won't let you submit the assignments until you click":
(00:44:58.583)
Westman, Claire: "that block. That is your honesty declaration,": (00:45:02.350)
Westman, Claire: "so you don't need to include an actual letter in the assignment.": (00:45:04.571)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:45:09.670)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:45:11.750)
Westman, Claire: "So let's move on to the next question because this one is a bit trickier,":
(00:45:13.580)
Westman, Claire: "and yet we're running out of time.": (00:45:18.157)
Westman, Claire: "So let's get to this quickly.": (00:45:20.260)
Westman, Claire: "So this question says, drawing on the knowledge you have gained":
(00:45:22.380)
Westman, Claire: "about metaphysics, which means obviously you first need to": (00:45:26.164)
Westman, Claire: "go and get an understanding of metaph what metaphysics is.": (00:45:29.652)
Westman, Claire: "Explain why the Elysian philosophers should be called metaphysicians.":
(00:45:33.660)
Westman, Claire: "You can refer to unit two of the study guide.": (00:45:39.020)
Westman, Claire: "So again, this is asking you about metaphysics,": (00:45:42.510)
Westman, Claire: "and it's asking you about the malesian philosophers.": (00:45:46.046)
Westman, Claire: "So the pre Socratic philosophers and it needs you to explain.": (00:45:50.190)
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Westman, Claire: "Why? It could be said that malesian": (00:45:57.870)

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Westman, Claire: "philosophers fell under the bracket of metaphysics," : (00:46:00.121)
Westman, Claire: "while the philosophy they did could be considered metaphysics.": (00:46:03.372)
Westman, Claire: "So in order to answer this question.": (00:46:07.630)
Westman, Claire: "You first need to.": (00:46:11.150)
Westman, Claire: "Explain what metaphysics is.": (00:46:12.020)
Westman, Claire: "You first need to understand what metaphysics is so.": (00:46:14.340)
Westman, Claire: "Just as a note for this question, you will need to look at Pages 8 to 10 of":
(00:46:20.430)
Westman, Claire: "the study guide because that tells you a little bit about epistemology and":
(00:46:25.671)
Westman, Claire: "metaphysics.": (00:46:30.843)
Westman, Claire: "But you will probably need to go do your own bit of research about metaphysics
for": (00:46:31.950)
Westman, Claire: "this question.": (00:46:37.221)
Westman, Claire: "But page 8 to 10 of the study guide.": (00:46:38.110)
Westman, Claire: "And then the information about the Malaysian philosophers is on page 23 to":
(00:46:41.160)
Westman, Claire: "31.": (00:46:47.160)
Westman, Claire: "So that's the focus for of the study guide for this question. For question one,":
(00:46:47.880)
Westman, Claire: "I didn't mention this then 12 pages 12 to 21 are where you should focus your":
(00:46:53.686)
Westman, Claire: "attention.": (00:46:59.275)
Westman, Claire: "For question one, OK.": (00:47:01.550)
Westman, Claire: "So there's a hand up Luanda.": (00:47:03.150)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "Yeah. Sorry, ma'am. I just missed the second set of pages for":
(00:47:08.270)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "mesophysics.": (00:47:12.795)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:47:14.400)
Westman, Claire: "So it's pages 8 to 10.": (00:47:14.800)
Westman, Claire: "And pages 23 to 31.": (00:47:18.110)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "OK.": (00:47:18.460)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "OK.": (00:47:23.450)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "Thank you.": (00:47:23.850)
Westman, Claire: "It's a pleasure." : (00:47:24.630)
Westman, Claire: "OK, so to define metaphysics is quite tricky.": (00:47:26.830)
Westman, Claire: "There's no single definition of metaphysics, and it's changed over time.":
(00:47:31.310)
Westman, Claire: "So what might have been considered metaphysics at one point?": (00:47:35.790)
Westman, Claire: "So sort of. During the ancient Greek philosoph": (00:47:40.910)
Westman, Claire: "philosophers time, it sort of changed somewhat." : (00:47:43.938)
Westman, Claire: "Some of it is the same. There's been sort of additional ideas of": (00:47:47.030)
Westman, Claire: "what constitutes metaphysics or what falls under metaphysics.": (00:47:50.900)
Westman, Claire: "So it has changed over time.": (00:47:55.380)
Westman, Claire: "So this is 1 aspect of this question that might be a little bit tricky for you,":
(00:47:56.940)
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Westman, Claire: "but let's look at some of the definitions that we can find through doing a bit of":
(00:48:02.620)
Westman, Claire: "research on the Internet so metaphysics can generally most generally it's":
(00:48:08.442)
Westman, Claire: "understood as OK, I hope.": (00:48:13.696)
Westman, Claire: "You can hear me.": (00:48:15.470)
Westman, Claire: "There's a weed eater that's really loud outside.": (00:48:15.740)
Westman, Claire: "It's generally understood as the branch of philosophy that examines the":
(00:48:20.940)
Westman, Claire: "fundamental nature of reality.": (00:48:25.571)
Westman, Claire: "There's another hand.": (00:48:29.790)
Westman, Claire: "Arpa C is a question for now.": (00:48:31.030)
Westman, Claire: "Oh, OK.": (00:48:36.830)
Westman, Claire: "I'm going to come back to questions at the end.": (00:48:37.150)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:48:39.110)
Westman, Claire: "So let's just get through this and then we'll deal with questions at the end.":
(00:48:39.430)
Westman, Claire: "So it's generally the branch of philosophy that examines fundamental":
(00:48:46.710)
Westman, Claire: "nature of reality.": (00:48:50.137)
Westman, Claire: "So what do we understand by reality?": (00:48:51.340)
Westman, Claire: "What sort of things are real?": (00:48:54.900)
Westman, Claire: "What do we know about what's real?": (00:48:57.340)
Westman, Claire: "So other definitions that might make this a bit clearer for you are it's the study":
(00:48:59.980)
Westman, Claire: "of the nature of reality or of what sort of things are real," : (00:49:06.152)
Westman, Claire: "but seeks to understand basic criteria or first principles for determining what":
(00:49:10.688)
Westman, Claire: "sort of things are real.": (00:49:16.636)
Westman, Claire: "So it can address topics such as space and time.": (00:49:19.150)
Westman, Claire: "Time determinism and free will, God minded matter,": (00:49:22.060)
Westman, Claire: "identity and change and more so you can see it's very broad metaphysics and we"
: (00:49:26.519)
Westman, Claire: "know it incorporates.": (00:49:33.425)
Westman, Claire: "Other branches of philosophy.": (00:49:36.870)
Westman, Claire: "Another definition says it is the science that studies being as such,":
(00:49:39.830)
Westman, Claire: "or the first causes of things.": (00:49:45.010)
Westman, Claire: "So now some of these things I've highlighted will be important for this":
(00:49:47.230)
Westman, Claire: "question.": (00:49:50.822)
Westman, Claire: "Or things that do not change.": (00:49:52.210)
Westman, Claire: "The final one I've got here is it's a division of philosophy that is concerned":
(00:49:55.830)
Westman, Claire: "with the fundamental nature of reality and being.": (00:50:00.632)
Westman, Claire: "It includes ontology, cosmology and often epistemology.": (00:50:03.790)
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Westman, Claire: "It's a study of what is outside objective experience, so it's trying to understand.":
(00:50:09.390)
Westman, Claire: "What? What constitutes reality?": (00:50:17.270)
Westman, Claire: "What things are real?": (00:50:21.380)
Westman, Claire: "What makes up those things that are real?": (00:50:24.350)
Westman, Claire: "What are the sort of substances that we can understand for things that are real,":
(00:50:26.790)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:50:32.460)
Westman, Claire: "So what makes up our reality?": (00:50:32.670)
Westman, Claire: "And very importantly, here is to take note of things like the": (00:50:36.180)
Westman, Claire: "first causes of things, because as we are going to see,": (00:50:41.213)
Westman, Claire: "that is the focus of Malaysian philosophy was trying to understand the causes of":
(00:50:45.758)
Westman, Claire: "things.": (00:50:52.332)
Westman, Claire: "So what is it that causes something to be something to exist?": (00:50:53.980)
Westman, Claire: "How do we understand the world that we are living in? How do we understand?":
(00:51:00.500)
Westman, Claire: "The things around us.": (00:51:06.860)
Westman, Claire: "How how do we understand the fundamental nature?": (00:51:10.580)
Westman, Claire: "So what is it that gives things the fundamental nature?": (00:51:14.140)
Westman, Claire: "What? What is the substance that makes things": (00:51:17.740)
Westman, Claire: "real or gives us our nature?": (00:51:21.023)
Westman, Claire: "Gives us reality.": (00:51:23.990)
Westman, Claire: "So go and do some research on metaphysics.": (00:51:26.770)
Westman, Claire: "And there are also lots of videos that you can watch.": (00:51:30.530)
Westman, Claire: "That will help you, OK.": (00:51:35.690)
Westman, Claire: "I've included some suggested sources at the towards the end of the slides that":
(00:51:37.290)
Westman, Claire: "you can use also to help you. OK, we are definitely going to go over time":
(00:51:42.160)
Westman, Claire: "here, so I hope that's OK with everybody. Obviously,": (00:51:46.720)
Westman, Claire: "if you need to leave then you're welcome to leave.": (00:51:49.987)
Westman, Claire: "Hey, catch up on the recording. Next week's class will be short.": (00:51:55.370)
Westman, Claire: "Because just one question.": (00:51:59.210)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:52:01.100)
Westman, Claire: "So an overview of the Malaysian.": (00:52:01.740)
Westman, Claire: "They called sort of the Ironian school or the museum because it from they were
from": (00:52:06.020)
Westman, Claire: "Malaysia.": (00:52:11.946)
Westman, Claire: "And that was part of Ancient Greece.": (00:52:15.020)
Westman, Claire: "It would actually be part of Turkey now, but that's not so important for you to":
(00:52:16.940)
Westman, Claire: "know now.": (00:52:21.435)
Westman, Claire: "So the the main thing that the Malaysians were doing was trying to move away
from": (00:52:24.110)
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Westman, Claire: "myth and superstition.": (00:52:29.314)

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Westman, Claire: "So there were many mythological understandings of the nature of the world":
(00:52:30.830)
Westman, Claire: "and of things that we experienced. They experienced in the world a lot of":
(00:52:36.267)
Westman, Claire: "their understanding of those stem from myth, from superstition,": (00:52:41.704)
Westman, Claire: "from ideas around the gods.": (00:52:46.407)
Westman, Claire: "So the Malaysians were trying to move away from that to have a more rational":
(00:52:49.140)
Westman, Claire: "understanding.": (00:52:53.134)
Westman, Claire: "Of what they were experiencing or the things they could observe,": (00:52:54.770)
Westman, Claire: "the patterns they could observe that were happening around them in the world.":
(00:52:59.389)
Westman, Claire: "So, for example, myth had been used to explain many": (00:53:05.130)
Westman, Claire: "natural phenomena. Let's say, for example Thunder.": (00:53:08.624)
Westman, Claire: "Mythologically or during those times it might have been explained that Thunder":
(00:53:14.460)
Westman, Claire: "was caused by God's the various gods anger.": (00:53:20.395)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (00:53:24.210)
Westman, Claire: "So that's where Thunder might have come from.": (00:53:24.410)
Westman, Claire: "They had many gods to explain the different natural phenomena.": (00:53:28.060)
Westman, Claire: "So the Malaysians wanted to have these more rational moving towards scientific":
(00:53:31.940)
Westman, Claire: "understandings of an explanations for national natural phenomena.":
(00:53:37.203)
Westman, Claire: "So for example, they could see that there was these": (00:53:41.599)
Westman, Claire: "patterns like the tides coming in and out.": (00:53:45.063)
Westman, Claire: "So they didn't.": (00:53:48.220)
Westman, Claire: "They thought that there was rational explanations for why the tides came in":
(00:53:49.180)
Westman, Claire: "and out.": (00:53:53.740)
Westman, Claire: "Out, rather than saying that it was because of": (00:53:54.530)
Westman, Claire: "the gods or some other, some other kind of superstitious reason": (00:53:57.367)
Westman, Claire: "or mythological reason that the tides moved in and out,": (00:54:01.230)
Westman, Claire: "they wanted to have a more rational understanding of that.": (00:54:04.610)
Westman, Claire: "You know, they might have also seen the crops grew": (00:54:10.820)
Westman, Claire: "at certain times of the year where in mythologically that might have been that":
(00:54:13.448)
Westman, Claire: "would have been attributed to one of the gods, you know,": (00:54:17.518)
Westman, Claire: "blessing the harvest and the crops sprouting during that time.": (00:54:20.455)
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Westman, Claire: "Heath thought it was the a pyron, so the apparent could be understand as": (01:04:10.570)

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(01:04:27.420)
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(01:04:33.330)
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(01:05:37.780)
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(01:06:01.610)
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: (01:07:27.580)
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(01:09:09.110)
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(01:09:14.370)
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(01:09:21.140)
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(01:09:31.340)
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(01:11:00.210)
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: (01:11:12.810)
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(01:11:22.130)
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(01:11:26.530)
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(01:11:51.170)
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Westman, Claire: "useful, like some good YouTube videos.": (01:12:23.462)
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Westman, Claire: "Websites that give sort of more simplistic or.": (01:12:29.330)
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(01:12:34.480)
Westman, Claire: "so let me just look at the chat quickly. If you write more than 300 words,":
(01:12:38.908)
Westman, Claire: "Please remember to make sure that everything you have included is necessary.":
(01:12:43.335)
Westman, Claire: "Um, you can go a little bit over 300 words,": (01:12:50.490)
Westman, Claire: "but if it's too much over then it's likely that you've included too much":
(01:12:53.819)
Westman, Claire: "information.": (01:12:59.343)
Westman, Claire: "Only focus on the most important information.": (01:13:00.330)
Westman, Claire: "OK so.": (01:13:05.730)
Westman, Claire: "For this question says, should we use a meaning that's five or": (01:13:08.490)
Westman, Claire: "ten years recent?": (01:13:11.294)
Westman, Claire: "I assume you mean for the definition for metaphysics, so.": (01:13:13.280)
Westman, Claire: "In philosophy, well in most studies.": (01:13:18.850)
Westman, Claire: "Sorry, in most studies we would say used": (01:13:22.970)
Westman, Claire: "information that is recent.": (01:13:26.009)
Westman, Claire: "However, we must remember that philosophy stems": (01:13:29.610)
Westman, Claire: "back.": (01:13:32.726)
Westman, Claire: "Well, you know this sort of philosophy we're": (01:13:33.330)
Westman, Claire: "looking at stems back like over 2000 years.": (01:13:36.041)
Westman, Claire: "So you're not always going to be using very recent sources.": (01:13:38.850)
Westman, Claire: "You will at times be using very old sources.": (01:13:43.280)
Westman, Claire: "So when you look up definitions or information,": (01:13:47.370)
Westman, Claire: "you can see if there's more recent ones, but it's also not a huge issue in":
(01:13:50.860)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy if you use older sources.": (01:13:56.313)
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Westman, Claire: "OK. Obviously if it's about things that are": (01:13:59.170)
Westman, Claire: "this is about ancient Greek philosophy.": (01:14:01.630)
Westman, Claire: "So you you would still look for more recent information because new ideas come":
(01:14:03.810)
Westman, Claire: "along and new interpretations, but it's not.": (01:14:09.188)
Westman, Claire: "100% necessary to use newer sources.": (01:14:13.210)
Westman, Claire: "So you can use older sources as well.": (01:14:16.240)
Westman, Claire: "If you're doing something like about AI ethics,": (01:14:20.370)
Westman, Claire: "you obviously want to look at new sources, because AI is changing all of the time."
: (01:14:23.390)
Westman, Claire: "But when looking at things like ancient Greek philosophy,": (01:14:28.650)
Westman, Claire: "if you're looking for definitions of metaphysics,": (01:14:32.155)
Westman, Claire: "you might find sources that are from sort of 2000, 2005, whatever. That's fine.":
(01:14:35.176)
Westman, Claire: "That's not an issue in philosophy, OK?": (01:14:40.010)
Westman, Claire: "There isn't much information about Salis compared to an ex Amanda and Anis.":
(01:14:47.250)
Westman, Claire: "That's quite interesting 'cause. I actually found quite a lot about daleys.":
(01:14:54.450)
Westman, Claire: "So again though, remember, you don't have to go into a whole lot of":
(01:14:58.810)
Westman, Claire: "detail.": (01:15:03.344)
Westman, Claire: "It's only 300 words, so just make sure that you have the main": (01:15:03.810)
Westman, Claire: "focus that ties into this question.": (01:15:08.285)
Westman, Claire: "So when you research these.": (01:15:10.930)
Westman, Claire: "Malesions, you'll see.": (01:15:13.170)
Westman, Claire: "There's a lot of information about other kinds of.": (01:15:13.810)
Westman, Claire: "Philosophical inquiry that they did other things that they looked at related to,":
(01:15:16.880)
Westman, Claire: "for example.": (01:15:22.559)
Westman, Claire: "I think there's an ex. Amanda talks about the sun and the moon": (01:15:25.010)
Westman, Claire: "as disks of fire.": (01:15:29.294)
Westman, Claire: "So some of that is not necessarily relevant to this discussion or to your":
(01:15:32.290)
Westman, Claire: "answer. So remember to focus on for now what is": (01:15:36.969)
Westman, Claire: "most important to helping you answer this question about how the MALESIONS
could be": (01:15:40.003)
Westman, Claire: "considered to have been doing.": (01:15:45.314)
Westman, Claire: "Metaphysics.": (01:15:48.560)
Westman, Claire: "So just try and find information that's most relevant for this purpose, OK.":
(01:15:51.730)
Westman, Claire: "It's great that you're doing research and that you're seeing you're finding":
(01:15:57.130)
Westman, Claire: "information fantastic.": (01:16:01.783)
Westman, Claire: "But remember, when you're writing up your answers to": (01:16:04.850)
Westman, Claire: "make sure that that's what you focus on.": (01:16:07.130)
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Westman, Claire: "Anyone have an idea how?": (01:16:14.260)
Westman, Claire: "Especially the bibliography and our study guide.": (01:16:15.380)
Westman, Claire: "The bibliography is there as a bibliography for the information that's":
(01:16:17.300)
Westman, Claire: "included in the study guide and also for you to.": (01:16:21.922)
Westman, Claire: "You can go look use those references to look up.": (01:16:25.111)
Westman, Claire: "But you don't need to reference the bibliography from the study guide in your":
(01:16:32.170)
Westman, Claire: "work, unless you've used one of those sources.": (01:16:37.786)
Westman, Claire: "So if you're using the study guide as your source,": (01:16:41.170)
Westman, Claire: "you reference the study guide. OK, so I hope that answers your guestion.":
(01:16:44.230)
Westman, Claire: "The only time you would need to worry about the references in the bibliography":
(01:16:48.690)
Westman, Claire: "is if you used any of those sources that you had found in the bibliography.":
(01:16:53.196)
Westman, Claire: "I won't get into technical referencing now,": (01:17:00.880)
Westman, Claire: "so just focus on if you've used the study guide, reference the study guide.":
(01:17:02.875)
Westman, Claire: "That's all we want to see.": (01:17:06.320)
Westman, Claire: "Oh yeah, that's another very good point, guys.": (01:17:12.290)
Westman, Claire: "I'm ladies and gentlemen and everybody.": (01:17:15.170)
Westman, Claire: "I'm so excited to see how the excellent thoughts that are coming up in this":
(01:17:20.330)
Westman, Claire: "discussion or in the chat section and the thoughts that you've been putting into":
(01:17:25.527)
Westman, Claire: "these topics, very, very exciting for me and.": (01:17:31.065)
Westman, Claire: "Yeah, wonderful to see.": (01:17:36.050)
Westman, Claire: "So thank you for you know the thoughts that you've contributed and the ideas":
(01:17:37.290)
Westman, Claire: "that you are coming out of here.": (01:17:41.049)
Westman, Claire: "It's quite hypocrit.": (01:17:43.870)
Westman, Claire: "This is the chat. It says favourites.": (01:17:44.710)
Westman, Claire: "It's quite hypocritical because the reason why we now rely on Western":
(01:17:47.310)
Westman, Claire: "philosophy is because Westerners thought Africans were incapable of reasoning in
a": (01:17:50.802)
Westman, Claire: "critical way.": (01:17:54.942)
Westman, Claire: "Meanwhile, their ancestors believed in myths and": (01:17:55.630)
Westman, Claire: "Folklore's, just like early Africans did.": (01:17:58.070)
Westman, Claire: "Absolutely, 100%.": (01:18:00.230)
Westman, Claire: "So it is hypocritical and I mean just continue to believe in myth and":
(01:18:05.210)
Westman, Claire: "superstition and all of that.": (01:18:11.150)
Westman, Claire: "Just a very, very, very good point.": (01:18:16.040)
Westman, Claire: "But I'm very impressed by the ideas that I'm seeing come out in this chat.":
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(01:18:19.440)
Westman, Claire: "So simple, Kazi says.": (01:18:25.640)
Westman, Claire: "Did they contribute to the early discovery of science,": (01:18:27.640)
Westman, Claire: "Thais and the others?": (01:18:30.680)
Westman, Claire: "So yes, so meta physicians did contribute.": (01:18:32.320)
Westman, Claire: "And sorry, Tabili replied and said yes. Meta physicians were pioneers of the":
(01:18:37.090)
Westman, Claire: "scientific method.": (01:18:41.597)
Westman, Claire: "They sought to understand the fundamental nature of reality through reason,":
(01:18:42.650)
Westman, Claire: "observation and systematic inquiry.": (01:18:46.375)
Westman, Claire: "Excellent, great response.": (01:18:48.130)
Westman, Claire: "Yes. So the the purpose of the discussion, these are to help you to approach this":
(01:18:56.620)
Westman, Claire: "assignment.": (01:19:02.193)
Westman, Claire: "Specifically, this is some of the content you should": (01:19:02.940)
Westman, Claire: "sort of be considering when you're doing your assignment,": (01:19:06.323)
Westman, Claire: "but obviously there to help you understand the units as well.": (01:19:10.024)
Westman, Claire: "But more specifically for today, like I mentioned at the outset,": (01:19:15.450)
Westman, Claire: "the focus is on helping you with the assignment questions.": (01:19:18.931)
Westman, Claire: "Um.": (01:19:23.930)
Westman, Claire: "Tabela that is an excellent question.": (01:19:32.710)
Westman, Claire: "What role did ancient knowledge systems and esoteric traditions,": (01:19:35.230)
Westman, Claire: "including secret societies, play in shaping the emergence of profound":
(01:19:39.222)
Westman, Claire: "metaphysical philosophical inquiry?": (01:19:43.521)
Westman, Claire: "In particular, how did figures such as Pythagoras who": (01:19:45.750)
Westman, Claire: "made significant contributions to philosophy and science while also being":
(01:19:48.367)
Westman, Claire: "deeply engaged in mysticism, influenced the development of": (01:19:51.953)
Westman, Claire: "intellectual thought during this period?": (01:19:54.812)
Westman, Claire: "That's an excellent question.": (01:19:57.450)
Westman, Claire: "And I think one that we won't get into today because of time,": (01:19:59.120)
Westman, Claire: "but next week we'll focus on question three of the assessment.": (01:20:03.312)
Westman, Claire: "But in the following weeks, we'll look at Unit 1 in more detail.": (01:20:07.572)
Westman, Claire: "And I think that is something we can go into in more detail.": (01:20:11.966)
Westman, Claire: "Then OK.": (01:20:16.320)
Westman, Claire: "I don't want to go too far off the topic just because the focus is for the":
(01:20:17.320)
Westman, Claire: "assessment, but that is a fantastic question that we": (01:20:21.546)
Westman, Claire: "will look at more deeply in another.": (01:20:24.532)
Westman, Claire: "Session.": (01:20:27.610)
Westman, Claire: "So thank you for that.": (01:20:28.860)
Westman, Claire: "I will make a note of it so that we can discuss it in another session and it'll":
(01:20:31.000)
Westman, Claire: "be interesting to hear what you think as well.": (01:20:35.011)
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Westman, Claire: "So everybody can sort of think about that question when they are finished their":
(01:20:37.367)
Westman, Claire: "assignments and less stressed.": (01:20:41.377)
Westman, Claire: "If I use a reference website for my bibliography be highlighted.": (01:20:47.580)
Westman, Claire: "Since I use the website now, that's fine to be honest.": (01:20:52.759)
Westman, Claire: "The bibliography is not always necessarily included.": (01:20:58.640)
Westman, Claire: "When we check plagiarism, because so often the references come up":
(01:21:02.000)
Westman, Claire: "as plagiarized, no matter whether you talk them into the": (01:21:06.185)
Westman, Claire: "document yourself or not, and the bibliography because they've been":
(01:21:09.798)
Westman, Claire: "referenced elsewhere.": (01:21:14.109)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (01:21:15.990)
Westman, Claire: "So if you want to use a referencing tool that is absolutely fine.": (01:21:16.190)
Westman, Claire: "Just make sure that you're referencing.": (01:21:21.400)
Westman, Claire: "Is it's all consistent.": (01:21:23.240)
Westman, Claire: "Your if you, if you know how to use the referencing": (01:21:27.440)
Westman, Claire: "tools, you are absolutely welcome to use them.": (01:21:30.004)
Westman, Claire: "Just remember we use Harvard, but yeah, you're absolutely welcome to use a":
(01:21:32.320)
Westman, Claire: "referencing tool if that is what you want to do.": (01:21:37.111)
Westman, Claire: "No issue with that at all.": (01:21:40.280)
Westman, Claire: "OK, there was.": (01:21:42.650)
Westman, Claire: "I see two hands, but I think 1 is.": (01:21:46.160)
Westman, Claire: "A legacy. Luanda is yours, just up from earlier.": (01:21:49.680)
Westman, Claire: "Or do you have another question?": (01:21:52.100)
Westman, Claire: "OK, another hand has suddenly gone down.": (01:21:53.760)
Westman, Claire: "So I assume that was an accidental hand.": (01:21:56.360)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (01:22:02.270)
Westman, Claire: "So here are do you have any questions? OK. I don't want to take much more of
your": (01:22:03.990)
Westman, Claire: "time and I do have another class, Nana.": (01:22:10.334)
Westman, Claire: "So are there anything?": (01:22:13.350)
Westman, Claire: "Are there any questions that are absolutely pressing right now?": (01:22:15.750)
Westman, Claire: "Just while you're thinking about it, one thing I want to mention is we've been":
(01:22:22.760)
Westman, Claire: "getting some emails asking how many points of information need to be included":
(01:22:28.278)
Westman, Claire: "in your answer for the 15 marks.": (01:22:33.726)
Westman, Claire: "Remember, we're not looking for.": (01:22:36.720)
Westman, Claire: "You don't have to list 15 points in order to get 15 marks.": (01:22:38.920)
Westman, Claire: "What we're looking for is, have you explained the theory?": (01:22:42.680)
Westman, Claire: "Accurately and clearly.": (01:22:47.720)
Westman, Claire: "Let's say for question one, have you developed a claim that you've":
(01:22:52.310)
Westman, Claire: "been developed an argument to support?": (01:22:57.007)
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Westman, Claire: "So have you said yes? No.": (01:22:59.670)
Westman, Claire: "Balanced view, whatever and have you supported that": (01:23:03.800)
Westman, Claire: "argument and have you included your in text referencing in a bibliography?":
(01:23:06.519)
Westman, Claire: "OK.": (01:23:12.320)
Westman, Claire: "So it's very difficult in a subject like this to say you need to include this many":
(01:23:12.480)
Westman, Claire: "points because everybody will answer the question differently.": (01:23:17.597)
Westman, Claire: "Differently, So what we want to see is do have you": (01:23:21.750)
Westman, Claire: "shown an understanding of the content of the theory?": (01:23:24.536)
Westman, Claire: "And then have you developed a clear answer?": (01:23:28.840)
Westman, Claire: "So for example, with the second question, have you made the link between the":
(01:23:31.440)
Westman, Claire: "definitions or understandings of metaphysics and the lesions?": (01:23:36.980)
Westman, Claire: "Has that come across clearly?": (01:23:41.440)
Westman, Claire: "So have you explained what metaphysics is?": (01:23:42.960)
Westman, Claire: "Have you explained what the malesions were?": (01:23:44.920)
Westman, Claire: "What kind of philosophical inquiry? They were engaged in?": (01:23:47.400)
Westman, Claire: "And have you then made that link between them?": (01:23:50.590)
Westman, Claire: "And then for the last question is about Plato's theory of forms and virtue.":
(01:23:55.360)
Westman, Claire: "So again, we'll want to see.": (01:24:03.760)
Westman, Claire: "Have you explained the theory clearly?": (01:24:04.960)
Westman, Claire: "Have you developed a claim?": (01:24:08.160)
Westman, Claire: "Have you included your referencing?": (01:24:09.920)
Westman, Claire: "Is it clear?": (01:24:12.200)
Westman, Claire: "Have you shown an understanding?": (01:24:13.240)
Westman, Claire: "So that's what we'll be looking for.": (01:24:14.680)
Westman, Claire: "OK. And we know at the stage that you know": (01:24:16.670)
Westman, Claire: "you're you're new to referencing probably.": (01:24:19.402)
Westman, Claire: "So do your best with the referencing.": (01:24:23.560)
Westman, Claire: "We will be lenient if it's not exactly right.": (01:24:25.200)
Westman, Claire: "If we see you've made an effort with the referencing,": (01:24:27.934)
Westman, Claire: "that's what we're concerned about, OK?": (01:24:31.142)
Westman, Claire: "Leander is it a hand for now or is it a hand from earlier?": (01:24:35.840)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "Zahan from now.": (01:24:41.370)
Westman, Claire: "Oh yes.": (01:24:42.990)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "So your question might be a little pessimistic," : (01:24:44.480)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "but given that we've taken philosophy now in the first semester,":
(01:24:47.216)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "can we then discontinue from second semester or is this a module that
we have" : (01:24:50.920)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "to take throughout the year?": (01:24:55.365)
Westman, Claire: "This is only SMS to module.": (01:24:57.610)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "OK.": (01:25:00.090)
Luyanda Buhle Ngubane: "Thank you.": (01:25:00.490)
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Westman, Claire: "I know.": (01:25:00.990)
Westman, Claire: "I'm already losing people.": (01:25:04.470)
Westman, Claire: "Yeah, this is a simista module.": (01:25:07.910)
Westman, Claire: "Give it a chance.": (01:25:11.560)
Westman, Claire: "I've had somebody else as the e-mail about how to change modules.":
(01:25:14.400)
Westman, Claire: "But I know philosophy can be tricky. When you first start. I really do.":
(01:25:21.520)
Westman, Claire: "But give it a go.": (01:25:26.760)
Westman, Claire: "Give it a chance.": (01:25:27.560)
Westman, Claire: "Let's see how the semester goes.": (01:25:27.880)
Westman, Claire: "And remember this very there's different kinds of philosophies.": (01:25:30.280)
Westman, Claire: "So you can also do this a module in African philosophy.": (01:25:33.544)
Westman, Claire: "In first year, as you go on these different modules so": (01:25:37.310)
Westman, Claire: "yeah, but this is mixed to module so you don't": (01:25:41.213)
Westman, Claire: "have to do do it next year next OK.": (01:25:44.547)
Westman, Claire: "So these are some sources that are quite useful.": (01:25:47.030)
Westman, Claire: "And the Stanford Encyclopedia philosophy is always useful, but it can be.":
(01:25:51.150)
Westman, Claire: "Sometimes the articles are quite complex, but it's a good source.": (01:25:56.830)
Westman, Claire: "The incident encyclopedia philosophy, also a very good source.": (01:26:01.760)
Westman, Claire: "For this.": (01:26:06.280)
Westman, Claire: "I also used Britannica.": (01:26:07.510)
Westman, Claire: "And the for information about failures and an ex. Amanda.": (01:26:10.800)
Westman, Claire: "The site was really nice. Famous scientist.": (01:26:15.395)
Westman, Claire: "It broke down a lot of the work that they did. The studies they did,": (01:26:18.880)
Westman, Claire: "and then some videos.": (01:26:23.910)
Westman, Claire: "This crash course.": (01:26:27.080)
Westman, Claire: "This was crash course history of science, but the crash course philosophy do
some": (01:26:28.160)
Westman, Claire: "very nice videos that help to breakdown complex philosophical concepts.":
(01:26:32.654)
Westman, Claire: "So go look for the that Channel.": (01:26:36.950)
Westman, Claire: "This also was an A nice video, metaphysics and philosophy explained.":
(01:26:42.280)
Westman, Claire: "Here was another one pre socratics part one.": (01:26:46.400)
Westman, Claire: "Sorry I didn't write down the IT was doctor, somebody, explains. Dr.":
(01:26:49.600)
Westman, Claire: "Dave explains something like that.": (01:26:54.611)
Westman, Claire: "But yeah, so use whatever resources you have": (01:26:59.870)
Westman, Claire: "available to you.": (01:27:02.628)
Westman, Claire: "Like I said, you know, go read Wikipedia. Go look at YouTube videos,":
(01:27:03.670)
Westman, Claire: "use websites that make things less complex because philosophy is complex,":
(01:27:09.550)
Westman, Claire: "it is challenging.": (01:27:15.857)
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Westman, Claire: "And a lot of ideas that you've probably never sort of encountered before in ways":
(01:27:18.880)
Westman, Claire: "of thinking that you might not have, you know, sort of engaged with before.":
(01:27:23.152)
Westman, Claire: "So don't be hard on yourself either. If you're not understanding it straight":
(01:27:27.160)
Westman, Claire: "away.": (01:27:31.029)
Westman, Claire: "Please do not.": (01:27:32.310)
Westman, Claire: "I think that is going to be the general experiences most people are going to be":
(01:27:33.430)
Westman, Claire: "struggling to understand this. So the first time they read it,": (01:27:38.240)
Westman, Claire: "so give yourself a chance.": (01:27:42.027)
Westman, Claire: "Don't be hard on yourself.": (01:27:43.630)
Westman, Claire: "Just work through it systematically, OK? And I hope this video helped.":
(01:27:45.750)
Westman, Claire: "This lesson helped, and obviously any questions,": (01:27:49.910)
Westman, Claire: "please e-mail.": (01:27:53.270)
Westman, Claire: "Please send you can send messages on the platform.": (01:27:56.040)
Westman, Claire: "Yeah.": (01:28:01.560)
Westman, Claire: "If you're not on the WhatsApp group, there is the link to join the WhatsApp":
(01:28:02.630)
Westman, Claire: "group that are sent out.": (01:28:06.856)
Westman, Claire: "Thank you.": (01:28:10.760)
Westman, Claire: "To I can't remember her name of the top of my head.": (01:28:12.760)
Westman, Claire: "I'm so sorry, kikana.": (01:28:15.520)
Westman, Claire: "Who's been?": (01:28:19.040)
Westman, Claire: "Who's the admin of the group?": (01:28:19.680)
Westman, Claire: "Yeah, R kikana, you're doing a lot of hard work on that": (01:28:21.800)
Westman, Claire: "group.": (01:28:25.486)
Westman, Claire: "So thank you.": (01:28:26.040)
Westman, Claire: "Yes. So please, yeah. And I'm just thank you again for engaging": (01:28:29.080)
Westman, Claire: "today.": (01:28:32.811)
Westman, Claire: "You I can really see that a lot of you are putting thoughts into this.": (01:28:33.990)
Westman, Claire: "Very interesting ideas already coming out.": (01:28:38.270)
Westman, Claire: "I can't wait to see what else you know. You come up with as the semester goes on"
: (01:28:40.550)
Westman, Claire: "and to reading these assignments, it's giving me a lot of hope for the":
(01:28:45.390)
Westman, Claire: "semester and for the work you're going to do and very,": (01:28:49.633)
Westman, Claire: "very exciting for me to see first.": (01:28:52.919)
Westman, Claire: "Year first semester you are really coming up with such amazing ideas.":
(01:28:54.950)
Westman, Claire: "So please reach out if you need anything and then otherwise I will meet you
again.": (01:28:59.240)
Westman, Claire: "Same time next week, 10:00 next Wednesday.": (01:29:05.190)
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Westman, Claire: "I promise to keep it a bit shorter.": (01:29:08.750)

Westman, Claire: "So that we can just look at question three and then any like final concerns": (01:29:12.000)

Westman, Claire: "that you have for assessment one before you submit it on the Thursday?": (01:29:16.074)

Westman, Claire: "All right.": (01:29:22.040)

Westman, Claire: "Well, I hope you all have an amazing afternoon": (01:29:22.480)

Westman, Claire: "and good luck with writing up your assignment again.": (01:29:25.432)

Westman, Claire: "Please don't panic.": (01:29:28.760)

Westman, Claire: "Just work through it systematically.": (01:29:29.600)

Westman, Claire: "Just jot down your ideas and then try and form them into.": (01:29:31.280)

Westman, Claire: "A clear argument or clear discussion.": (01:29:35.870)

Westman, Claire: "Use whatever resources you need to and reach out to us if you need help.": (01:29:38.270)

Westman, Claire: "But thank you again and I will see you next week. Hey bye everyone.": (01:29:43.448)

Westman, Claire: "Oh de Shamar, see I see your hand.": (01:29:51.500)

Westman, Claire: "Is it a hand?": (01:29:59.890)

Westman, Claire: "Did you have a question?": (01:30:01.010)

Westman, Claire: "Or an accidental hand.": (01:30:05.880)