

## Instructions for Lecture Two

Good Evening Everyone!

So here we go with week two. Last week we covered some of the basic questions that seem to bedevil all political discussions: What is politics, why and how to study it, etc. Next, we should examine the most basic unit of political science which is the existence of the state. The state is the central institution wielding power, so a close look at its components is essential for the course, and definitely for your research paper. You'll see what I'm talking about as we move forward in the coming weeks.

### Lecture 2. The Modern State

**Task 1:** Read these instructions! (Boom!).

**Task 2:** Read Chapter 2 in the Orvis/Drogus text (pp. 34 – 60)

**Task 3:** Watch the lecture presentation on “The Modern State.” Interesting? No? Try a Red Bull...

**Task 4:** Read the article for your journal response. You can find the question on the link titled “Lecture / Discussion Page” highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

**Task 5:** Open the link for the video and watch.

**Task 6:** Go to our Canvas page and click the link titled “Discussion Board for Lecture One” and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one to two-paragraphs. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don't be late....

All righty then. We got two down. If you have any questions about journal assignments or discussion boards, now is the time to ask. We'll start taking a deeper look at your research project next week...

See ya next time people,

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