

## Instructions for Lecture One

Good evening Everyone!

So for tonight we'll have our first lecture – an introduction to the discipline and an examination of various aspects of politics. We'll also begin our debate over what our *nature* is as human beings. You can organize these lectures to your taste (i.e. doing all the reading first, or some reading and watching the lecture, videos, whatever's comfortable), but in order to get the most out of the class, I do want you to complete everything associated with the each of the lectures. These are the steps you'll follow to successfully complete these lectures.

### Lecture 1. The Study of Politics and Human Nature

**Task 1:** Read these instructions!

**Task 2:** Read Chapter 1 in the Heineman text (pp. 1-17) and the Introduction to your Stevenson text (pp. 1-17)

**Task 3:** Watch the lecture presentation on “The Study of Politics and Human Nature.” It stars me, as your intrepid instructor.

**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 *Understanding Human Nature with Steven Pinker*.

**Task 6:** Click the link titled “Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation” and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one paragraph or two. 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....

So people at first it's gonna feel like a lot, and it is. But as we progress and get some of the lectures behind us, you'll develop a rhythm and start to see things mellow out a bit. So don't get frustrated. Just pace yourself. I'll be there either in email or Zoom when you need help.

See you again for the next lecture!

Peace out, Kropf

**HUMAN NATURE**



**SUMMED UP IN ONE PICTURE**

## POLSC 120 Introduction to Politics

### The Study of Politics and Human Nature

#### Readings for Lecture One

1. Heineman – Chapter 1: The Study of Politics, pp. 1 – 17.
2. Stevenson – Introduction: Rival Theories and Critical Assessments, pp. 1 – 17.

