***PROMPT:****Compare and contrast the views of politics in Leo Strauss and Max Weber. How are their characterizations of the practice of politics different and similar? What role, if any, does ethics play in each thinker’s work? What skills/abilities are necessary for good political leadership? What makes for poor political leadership? Whose account do you find most persuasive and why?*

***Length –****1,500 words to 2,000 words (which is approximately six to eight pages), double-spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12, one-inch margins*

***Instructions:***

* *Take a clear position in your introduction.*
* *Offer a summary of the relevant parts of each thinker’s arguments to show that you understand their arguments.*
* *Make direct comparisons and draw contrasts between the thinkers you discuss.*
* *Say whose argument you find the most persuasive and explain why.*
* *Make use of direct quotes from the texts to defend your argument beyond those that I used in class lectures. Using quotes outside those I highlighted in lecture shows me that you’ve read the texts.*

***Important****: You****must****cite all sources in accordance with the Chicago Manual of Style (see your syllabus for details). Use footnotes. You****must****use and cite arguments from the primary texts.*