**Module 1 Journal Entry**

This module, you will write your thoughts on the materials that you were required to view for class. The goal is to help you to make concrete connections between class material and your personal observations.

**Be sure to answer the question: What have the materials covered in class this week prompted me to consider?**

Journal entries are used as tools for student reflection. By consciously thinking about and comparing issues, life experiences, and course readings, students are better able to understand links between theory and practice and to generate justifiable, well-supported opinions. This kind of writing assignment is meant to be interactive, as students engage with ideas and experiences that bring about questions, comparisons, insights, criticisms, speculations, and tentative conclusions.

**Required Materials:**

* Read Chapter 1 in the Cities of the World textbook **(attached)**
* Read <https://www.fastcompany.com/90755954/the-surprising-ways-technology-can-increase-green-space-in-cities>
* Read <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2011-12-23/the-best-city-time-lapse-videos-of-2011>
* Watch the following:
  + <https://www.ted.com/talks/parag_khanna_how_megacities_are_changing_the_map_of_the_world?referrer=playlist-our_future_in_cities&language=en>

**Journal Writing Assignment Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Ratings** | **Pts** |
| Description of criterion | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **10 to >0.0 pts**  **Excellent**  This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Critical Thought Your journal entry should provide examples of critical thought. | **0 pts**  **No Marks**  Writing might be vague, somewhat basic, or off-topic. | | 10 pts |
| Topical | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **10 to >0.0 pts**  **Excellent**  Address main points Your journal entry should address the main points we covered during the week. | **0 pts**  **Needs Significant Improvement**  It does not appear that you completed the assigned readings. | | 10 pts |
| Personal Experience | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **10 to >0.0 pts**  **Excellent**  Relate with the real life Your journal entry should be relatable to your life. | **0 pts**  **Needs Significant Improvement**  Did not provide any examples related to personal experience. | | 10 pts |
| Word Count | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **10 pts**  **Full Marks**  You need to write at least 800 words on the assignment. | **0 pts**  **No Marks** | | 10 pts |
| **Total Points:** 40 | | |