Assignment: Article Review

What? You are expected to complete two written reviews of analytical and editorial articles this quarter. Each article review will be approximately 2-3 typewritten pages in length. Each is worth 25 possible points.

How? Select any two of the articles listed in our Readings and marked –REVIEW. There will be at least four articles offered for your consideration. You will need to select only two articles for review.

The review should be organized as follows:

a. Identify the author’s thesis---the main purpose; theme; focus
b. Summarize and explain the author’s analysis. For example, in Trudeau’s, Against Nationalism, the post-Cold War problem is the rebirth of ethnic-based nationalism. Why is this happening? Why is this a problem? What are its consequences? What should be done about it? What illustrations does Trudeau offer that help you understand his analysis?
c. How does the author’s topic and analysis relate to our study? For example, Chapter 6 in the Primis Reader focuses on nations and nationalism. Your review should discuss how Trudeau’s analysis helps you understand/think about the ideas and issues in Chapter 6.
Remember! The purpose here is to connect the content of the article to our readings and topics for the course.
d. Write a brief conclusion in which you comment on the article and the analysis. What seems most important to you? What ideas and concepts are most useful? Try to think of real life situations that this article helps you make sense of.

When? Due dates for article reviews are listed with each article. Try to avoid putting off this assignment until the end of the quarter. You will have more choices if you consider the offerings each week.