

Global Environmental History-distance

Seminar assignment for week 42

Written reflections

You have now taken part of the course material from **part 1** of the course. Now it's time for you to write down your own thoughts and reflections on the course content from part 1 of the course. What were the most interesting perspectives? What was new? Was there anything that provoked you? Was something extra interesting or extra inspiring? **Write down your thoughts and reflections on the online lectures, online articles and the course book *A new green history of the world: The environment and the collapse of great civilizations* by Clive Ponting.**

It is important that you reflect upon how the different topics from different parts of the course content relates to other topics in other parts of the content.

We want you to include answers to the following questions in your reflections:

1. What are the main arguments used by Clive Ponting in the book *A new green history of the world: The environment and the collapse of great civilizations*? Try to briefly summarize the main points and topics of the book and reflect on what you think about Clive Ponting's arguments.
2. Try to briefly summarize the different topics and perspectives in the online course material from each week in part 1. Also reflect upon what you yourself think about the topics and perspectives presented. You may answer all of the following questions or focus more on one or two.
 - a) What were the most interesting perspectives?
 - b) What thoughts and ideas were new for you?
 - c) Was there anything that provoked you?
 - d) Was something extra interesting or extra inspiring?
3. Try to come up with some new perspectives and thoughts by combining chosen parts of the online course material with Clive Ponting's book *A new green history of the world: The environment and the collapse of great civilizations*.

This is a rather free assignment, and its purpose is to prepare you for the seminar. You do not need to use exact references. It's enough if you write something like "I agree with what Jared Diamond says in his lecture, about how we must learn from past societal collapses, because ..."

Your text should be **2-4 pages** long, with font size 12, line spacing 1.5.

Submit the assignment no later than **Tuesday October 16th**. You should always submit all course assignments through Studentportalen at www.studentportalen.uu.se. Please write both your **name** and **task name** as the document name, for example: sara_klingstedt_sem1.doc. If you have any problems with submitting assignments, please contact the course coordinators.