***Discussion Questions***

1. One minute writing: What does political science mean to you? How is it important in your life?
2. How and when did the modern state system emerge? Do you think political borders are still important? Why or why not?
3. Debate: There are three main approaches to international politics: realism, liberalism, and constructivism. How would you define each one? Which one do you think is the most accurate in describing the international system?
4. As a result of the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, a new distribution of power is emerging and several countries are primed to become more powerful and influential in the international system. Which country do you think is emerging as the most powerful or influential? Why?