**Chapter 4**

***A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture***

**Class Activities:**

Activity: The Tragedy of the Commons

Learning Objective(s):

Students will be able to comprehend and explain the tragedy of commons problem by utilizing scenarios different than ones described in the text

Materials needed: Whiteboard and dry-erase markers

Class Size: Ideal small breakout discussion groups or an individual assignment

After discussing the three different tragedy of the commons scenarios identified in the text: *Grazing Sheep, Stag Hunt, Farming to Fishing*. The students will be tasked with identifying other scenarios that could apply to the tragedy of the commons problems.

The students could collaboratively or individual brainstorm the various different scenarios that also exemplify the tragedy of the commons problem. Once the students have completed task, they can share their story of the tragedy of the commons. Students should actively participate in this discussion by indicating whether a group or individuals story/scenario did or did not showcase the tragedy of the commons.