C112 Theorist Critique Assignment

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### You will select one of the four International Security Environment (ISE) theorists presented in lesson C112 (Kaplan, Friedman, Huntington, or Barnett), and answer the five requirements beginning on page two of this document. This assignment is worth 25% of the C100 grade.

### The four readings from which to choose are listed below.

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| Barnett The Pentagon’s New Map: It Explains why We’re Going to War and why We’ll Keep Going to War  | Friedman National Strategies and Capabilities for a Changing World: Globalization and National Security  | Huntington The Clash of Civilizations  | Kaplan The Coming Anarchy: How Scarcity, Crime, Overpopulation, Tribalism, and Disease are Rapidly Destroying the Social Fabric of Our Planet  |

### Your paper must be typed and double-spaced; use Times New Roman 12-pitch font and one-inch margins. You may not discuss this assignment with anyone other than a DDE faculty member or your academic advisor.

### Always cite your sources. If something is not your original thought, you need to cite your source using either footnotes or endnotes IAW the Turabian style of documentation; do not use parenthetical citations. This includes direct quotations, paraphrases, and summaries of the assigned readings, doctrinal references, or outside sources. You may use the C100 online lessons, readings, and references to help you prepare your assignment. Refer to ST 22-2 *Leader Communication* (June 2012) for guidance about citations and footnotes. You may also refer to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (7th edition).

Besides your article, here are some additional resources to help you with your critique. This is not an exhaustive list.

* JP 3-0 Joint Operations, 2011
* ADP 3-0 Unified Land Operations, 2011
* The Joint Operating Environment 2010
* NIC Global Trends Report 2025

For this writing assignment, use complete sentences in your answers. Do not use bullet statements or comments. Write paragraphs that begin with a topic sentence and contain supporting main points. Address each requirement individually – do not integrate your response into one lengthy essay. Use third person and active voice in academic writing.

Finally, you must complete the student self assessment portion of the C112 customized 1009w form for writing evaluation. Submit the 1009w form when you submit your paper for grading.

**Theorist Critique requirements.**

**REQUIREMENT 1: Summary of Author’s Thesis and Main Arguments [20 points]**. Your answer should be approximately one typed page.

1. Summarize the author’s thesis and main arguments in your own words. Do NOT just copy and paste from the article.

**REQUIREMENT 2: Persuasion of the Theorist [25 points].** Your answer should be one to two typed pages.

1. Is the theorist persuasive? Explain why or why not.

**REQUIREMENT 3: Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities [15 points]**. Your answer should be approximately one typed page.

1. Explain how the theorist describes threat(s), challenge(s), and opportunity(ies).

**REQUIREMENT 4: Analysis of the Future Operational Environment [30 points]**. Your answer should be one to two typed pages.

4. How does the theory relate to the future operational environment (OE)? Include the following three concepts in your answer:

 (a) where US forces might deploy [10 points]

 (b) the type of enemy US forces might fight [10 points]

 (c) issues that might add to the complexity of military operations. [10 points]

**REQUIREMENT 5: Writing and Documentation [10 points].**

1. Your DDE grader will evaluate your writing based upon organization, substance, style, punctuation, spelling, and grammar. Your grader will also check for the correct use of citations and documentation of sources.

If you do not complete the student self assessment on the 1009w form, your grader will deduct 5 points from your final score.

You must complete this assignment and all Phase 1 requirements before you can progress on to TASS or ADL Phase 2.