

The Day After.

Welcome to June 25, 2016. The day after.

It all began a year and a half ago when tensions between the United States and Canada finally reached their boiling point. Relations between the two countries had been deteriorating since the 2014 immigration debates in the United States ended with the beginning of the Great Northern Wall Project on January 1, 2015 - a project whose goal was to construct a wall along the border between the two countries, preventing virtually all travel between Canada and the US.

The disagreement began in the wake of the September 11th attacks, when some in the United States began arguing that insecure borders, especially the border between the US and Canada, were serious threats to keeping terrorists out of the United States.

All air travel between the countries was suspended in late 2014, but when the decision was finally made to construct the wall, frustration turned to anger. Countries around the world began siding with either the United States or Canada, sparking the Second Cold War and an unprecedented global arms race.

After a series of tense moments throughout 2015 and early 2016, when diplomacy only narrowly prevented a world war from breaking out, the unthinkable finally happened on June 24, 2016. Canada launched a devastating attack on their neighbors to the south, simultaneously hitting Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Washington DC, and New York City with chemical weapons that killed millions, and targeting nuclear research and production facilities in the Rocky Mountains with a nuclear bomb. While five of the United States' largest cities were dealing with the aftermath of the Sarin gas poisoning their citizens, an even larger problem was unfolding in the center of the country.

The nuclear bomb, while aimed at specific nuclear facilities hidden and protected inside a mountain, also landed directly on a fault line -- triggering a series of devastating earthquakes that radiated out from the point of impact in at least five directions. The earthquakes, which spread across the country like lines of falling dominoes, destroyed power grids, water treatment systems, and communication lines to most people living in the United States.

As they awoke on the morning on June 25th, leaders of communities across the country realized that without electricity, knowledge of what conditions plagued other areas of the continent, or the capability to communicate with their former state or national governments, they were on their own to set the parameters for

their new society that would be essential to their survival.

Faction Development and Manifesto Assignment

Your first job as leaders of your community -- which you have decided to term a "faction" -- is to describe what you believe your society must *be* and *do* to face the challenges that lie ahead. Specifically, you need to accomplish each of the following:

1. **Name your faction and construct its motto.** Names and slogans hold great significance for communities. Explain why you have selected this name and motto.
2. **Give us a basic introduction to your faction (250-500 words).** In which former United States city/town/rural community are you located? What conditions is your faction facing? What effects from the attack are you currently working to overcome?
3. **What is your faction's plan of action (250-500 words)?** How will you, as leaders of your faction, organize the members of your community to respond to the emergency needs you are facing in the wake of the June 25th attacks? Once these immediate dangers have passed, how will you ensure that your faction works together to create some stability for your community?
4. **Construct your faction's manifesto (500-750 words).** What does your faction believe and value? Why do you feel these elements are important? How do you think these will help to ensure your community's survival? What kind of leadership and governing system will your faction adopt? Why did you make this decision? Use the faction manifestos from *Divergent* as examples of different ways you could organize and construct your manifesto, but keep in mind that you do not have to follow these models explicitly.

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All four pieces of this assignment should be put together in one Word document and uploaded to the "Faction Development and Manifestos" folder under "Doc Sharing" by 5 pm today. Be sure that all of your group members' names are listed on your document.

Use complete sentences, correct grammar, and punctuation.
Your grade will be based on depth of thought, insight, thoroughness, and clarity of writing.

The Factionless

Just as the various communities in the United States are beginning to recover from the series of nuclear and chemical attacks perpetrated by the Canadians, another brutal strike falls. This time, it is a biological attack. The nefarious Canadians obtained strains of the smallpox and H1N1 flu viruses from their allies in Cuba and released them in the Atlantic Ocean. Both viruses quickly spread through the American communities near the Atlantic coast, hitting urban areas particularly hard. Those most severely affected, the factions in Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia, are seeing their populations decimated, and these cities that had begun rebuilding now descend again into chaos and panic. Sadly, the Nomadic People (formerly known as "Group 13"), wandered into one of these now diseased areas in their quest for food and clean water. All of these factions lost more than 50% of their members, and none of their communities survives intact.

Now, without the protection of a faction or the support of a community's resources, those members who are still alive after the biological attacks must seek the shelter of another faction. If no one takes them in, it is unlikely that they will survive. But those factions that do remain viable--the ones not located along the Atlantic Coast--have reason to be wary of these factionless drifters pleading for help. The Factionless have certainly been exposed to at least one of the viruses released by the Canadians and could be infected, even if they are not aware of it. They also may have unknown ulterior motives or could even be secret agents working for Canada or Cuba.

This is your assignment.

Working in two groups, the Factionless must craft a plea for aid. Why should another faction take you in? What will you bring to the table? How does your previous experience of leadership and collaboration in your now-dead faction make you a good candidate for a new faction? Your plea might appeal to the emotions of your hearers, or it might work through logic and persuasion, or some combination of both. And at some point in your appeal, you should rely on one of our primary source readings from class this semester to support your arguments.

The Factionless will work in two groups. Each group of Factionless must post their plea for adoption in the "Factionless" folder on Doc Sharing by this afternoon at 5 pm. The plea should be 300-500 words.

Working in their Factions, the remaining Factions who are intact must craft a statement of intent regarding their position on the Factionless. Will

the faction take in any of the Factionless as new members? On what conditions? What characteristics do you seek in new members? What will the role of the new members be? Will there be an initiation process? Because of everyone's limited resources, each faction can only support one, or at the most two, new members. However, each faction also has the right to refuse any Factionless person entry--you do not have to take in anyone. At some point in your position statement, you should rely on one of our primary source readings from class this semester as justification for your choice.

Each intact Faction must post their statement of intent to take in or turn away the Factionless (including how many, with attention to the questions above) by 5 pm this afternoon. The statement should be 300-500 words and should be posted in the "Factionless" folder on Doc Sharing.

Next week, the Factionless will find out whether they have been taken in by a new Faction, and if so, by whom.

Faction Debate

Just over 4 years after the devastating biological attack, engineers were finally able to restore electricity and limited, although often unreliable, forms of basic communication (cell phone towers and phone lines) across what remains of the United States. This progress finally allowed all the dispersed groups of survivors spread across the country (all of which have successfully integrated any new faction members who joined them following the biological attack) to speak with one another. After discovering how few survivors there truly were, discussions quickly turned to whether or not it would be wise to create a unified government to help maintain order and facilitate collaboration among the scattered factions. Although some felt that this would be a good idea, others believed that, under the present circumstances, each faction would benefit more from allowing their families and religious institutions to oversee previously government-run programs, such as education, law enforcement, and healthcare. At the heart of this debate is the question of how communities should be formed, developed, and governed.

Representatives from each faction have been charged with contributing to this discussion, which will take place on Wednesday, November 12th.

Exam 2 Grading

Written Argument (Group work. See your faction's letter for details.) -- 50 points

Participation in Preparation Day (Individual grade) -- 20 points

Participation in the Debate (Individual grade) -- 30 points

Faction Governments: Drafting a Constitution

Recently, when communication between the scattered factions was reestablished, the various factions decided whether to form a new, centralized government, or to remain decentralized in individual factions. The time has come for these new governments to be officially constituted. Those who have chosen to join the Government should gather in their respective factions to prepare their proposals for a Constitution ahead of the Constitutional Convention, scheduled to take place in a few weeks. Your chosen delegates will take these proposals to the Convention to help form the new Government. (Former Factionless members may contribute to the discussions and constitutional proposals of any factions they choose among those who intend to join the government, but should make sure that their names are listed on at least one faction's proposal.)

Those factions who have chosen to remain apart should likewise draft constitutions for their smaller governments, bearing in mind the differences of situation, scarcer resources, and concerns about defense that they will face as smaller states. However, they should also consider how to form a government that plays best to their own strengths of localized control and intimacy.

Using both *Divergent* and at least two primary documents we've discussed in class, each faction should draft their proposal for a new constitution.

The constitution proposal should include explanation of government structure, provision for defense, a plan for how laws will be made and enforced, conditions for citizenship, and an explanation of how leaders, legislators, and/or judges will be selected. You might also include a Bill of Rights that applies to all (or some) citizens.

Your proposals—one for each faction—should be posted in the appropriate folder in Doc Sharing before class begins on Wednesday. Proposals will be graded based on inclusion of all required elements, clarity of writing, incorporation of the primary documents and *Divergent*, and correctness of grammar and spelling.