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Midterm Self-Assessment

As we approach the middle of the semester, it is nice to reflect on the progress and status of where I feel like I am in class. Honestly, I think I could be doing a bit better, I don't participate as much as I thought I would be. Sometimes I genuinely have nothing to talk about, or I may be confused with what we had to read, so I prefer to hear other thoughts and explanations for things to see if that better helps me. However, there have been a few times where I was behind on the readings, so I simply didn't speak because I am not on those chapters yet. Juggling so much outside of this class can get the best of me at times, and I forget about reading or other things I need to do, but I also know my potential, of which I can be way better in the class. I missed the first reading response, so I actually wasn't able to peer review other students' work, though I'd like to see how I do in the upcoming ones. I believe I should be more on top of the discussions, due to them not being actually assigned, there is never a reminder or notification for them so often times I end up forgetting as if it isn't something that can not only help my grade, but also show my participation and engagement in class. Now, I have planned to set up reminders for those discussion posts, so I can at least try and make up for the ones I previously missed. I have been doing pretty well at keeping up with the readings so far, and plan to hopefully make some kind of schedule to set aside time to complete these readings with proper notes, and annotations to better understand and to also have things to discuss during class. Overall, I am not doing horrible in political theory, but I am doing the bare minimum, and for a class that I am so interested in, I should be doing better. My goal for the rest of the semester is to

be more on top of assignments and readings, as well as actively engaging in in-class discussions.

I believe pushing to strive in this class instead of just getting by will help me tremendously along with showing that appreciation.