Yellowdig Discussion: Week 6

Our Yellowdig community can be accessed through our BrightSpace course page under 'Content and Activities', then 'Yellowdig'. Online discussions using Yellowdig are an important part of this class and the point earning rules can be found here:

Point earning rules for Yellowdig discussions.

------->*Please do not use AI to write posts.*<--------

The discussion questions for each are below. These are intended to start conversations but you are encouraged to discuss any aspect of the readings or assigned material.

All posts must use a 'Topic' from the pulldown list in yellowdig, e.g., **Discussion Questions for Week 6** or **Get Help from Others.**

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Week 6: Discussion Questions

For this week, please make a post in Yellowdig that responds to any of the questions below from our reading of the Diamond chapter 5 (Maya) or Ford chapters 20 and 21.

1. From the perspective of Diamond's five-point framework for understanding societal collapses, the Maya illustrate four of those points. What four points contributed to the collapse of the Maya? (Diamond chapter 5)

2. Diamond's explanation of the collapse of the Maya was complicated by at least five factors. What were these factors? (Diamond chapter 5)

3. One of these complicating factors was that cities in different parts of the Maya area rose and fell at different times and often had different trajectories (e.g., such as contrasting changes in population) at the same time. How does Diamond explain this? (Diamond chapter 5)

4. What led to the overshoot in the deer population of the Kaibab Plateau? What implications does this overshoot system archetype (i.e., pattern) have for sustainability in other places? (Ford chapters 20, 21)

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