

1. What take-home messages most resonate with you?

What do *you* see as the most important messages of each paper?

2. What confused or puzzled you?

[Big points here... not minutia. **Examples of big points:**

(1) “We were confused about what justified the causal claim made in Experiment 1 [describe claim] given the correlational data [describe the correlational data and why you think it doesn’t license the causal claim].

Or (always good to do)

(2) See if you can find any apparent contradictions – either among the papers assigned for this week or between a paper and other things you know/have read about.

Example of minutia: We couldn’t figure out how many subjects were excluded from Experiment 3.

Your points here can include genuine difficulties to understand a claim/argument/method, as well as disagreements with inferences the authors are making. You can choose to focus on a subset of papers.

3. If the authors’ perspective/theory/empirical conclusions are true, what should follow?

If a theory is true (at least the sorts of theories we’re talking about here), there should be observable consequences in the real world. What are they? Do we see them? If not, is there a measurement we can make or an experiment we can conduct that would allow us to see if the consequences predicted by the theory are obtained? OR do we instead see consequences that should **not** be observed if the theory is true?