

Learning Goals

- **Math.** Selecting supplies at or just under \$500 is useful practice, even if you use the spreadsheet to help.
- **Decision-making.** Consensus-based decision-making can be more of a challenge with more group members, but it's good practice and useful skill. Download a free practical guide to consensus-based decision making.
<http://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/latest/a-practical-guide-for-consensus-based-decision-making>
- **Politics.** This isn't so much a political game, but it can tie in, with a bit of discussion. Survival and preparedness is a common theme of the anti-establishment thinkers, as they are less confident of (a) the stability of the current economy and (b) their willingness and ability to adapt and thrive within the current economic structure. Check out the the second post at the Politibanter substack and compare to the chart below. This represents the four mindsets about the stability of society's major institutions and the potential for disasters or societal unrest to disrupt them. See which quadrants your group members fall into.

	Optimistic (people can change)	Pessimistic (people don't change)
N o c a t a s t r o p h e	<p>Technology and new ideas will fix our human-made challenges. There is less per capita death from disease and war now than in any time in history, though we hear more about it. Trade relations inhibit war. We'll build hydroponic gardens in cities and genetically engineering better crops to feed everyone. We may even gene edit our species into cooperative and ageless godlike beings. AI will help guide us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Next System</i> podcast thenextsystem.org • https://www.ted.com/talks/hans_rosling_the_best_stats_you_ve_ever_seen • https://www.ted.com/talks/al_gore_the_case_for_optimism_on_climate_change <p>https://www.ted.com/talks/bjarke_ingels_floating_cities_the_lego_house_and_other_architectural_forms_of_the_future?referrer=playlist-our_future_in_cities#t-165949</p>	<p>"Our earth is degenerate in these latter days; bribery and corruption are common; children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book, and the end of the world is evidently approaching." –Assyrian tablet written around 732 BC</p> <p>There have always been people talking about collapse, and it doesn't happen. Everything cycles. Humans are resilient and will figure out a way. No need to get excited about the current alarmists. We'll just keep muddling along, creating challenges eventually fixing them. If there are pandemics, we will contain them fairly well with our government-guided networks and instant communication. When there are natural disasters, we will clean them up and eventually move on with business as usual. See https://www.ted.com/talks/adena_friedman_what_s_the_future_of_capitalism</p>
C a t a s t r o p h e	<p>Catastrophe will bring about the motivation to change, to work collaboratively with nature and with other people, to develop our spiritual capacity to not simply suppress our human limitations and baser impulses, but to transcend or transform them. There will be much suffering, but we will build a better world coming out of it, one that allows for an optimal blend of individual freedom within a context of unforced unity, one that isn't built on inequality and violence. Many are working on the innovative structures that will take the place of the crumbling institutions that are no longer serving us well: government, education, churches, banks, and agribusiness. Examples are holocracy & sociocracy; unschooling; spiritualism, NDEs, & psychedelics; bitcoin; ecovillages. See podcasts <i>Future Thinkers</i>, <i>Leadermorphosis</i>, <i>Emerge</i>, <i>Rebel Wisdom</i>, <i>Margaret Weatley</i>, <i>Charles Eisenstein</i>.</p>	<p>Extinctionists. Nations eventually will start a nuclear war or AI war, and civilization will devolve into barbarity. Survivors will live in something like in <i>Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome</i>. The Waltons in their underground bunker and other wealthy will get thru, and mass die-off of the poor and unprepared can't be avoided. Maybe we're due for a genetic cleansing because we have supported people who can't or won't pull their own weight. If not war, then global warming will cause mass migration and conflict over scarce livable habitat. Loss of pollinators will decimate food production. See https://lifeboat.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.peakprosperity.com/crashcourse/ • Podcast <i>Pitchfork Economics</i> with Nick Hanauer • See Wikipedia: survivalism and "new world order" • https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/sipho-hlongwane/the-world-is-going-to-hell-and-we-re-all-going-to-die-a-respon_a_21662523/