TAKE-HOME QUIZ 1 (2%)  
Due 12 September, at the beginning of class

I expect, and will grade accordingly, that you will comply with the following:

1) The essays will be single-spaced with normal default spacing, 1” margins, and of required length or the handwritten equivalent. You will use a font with a size of 11 or 12 and a face such as Times New Roman or the equivalent. Examples of faces you will not use are courier new and OCR. Failure to use an appropriate font can cost a 1.0 cut.

2) The essays will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement. Failure to do this will cost 1.0.

3) When you draw from a reading or another source, credit the reading or source with a note in the form – (Bressler, p. 180). If I find inadequate sourcing, I will assign a cut of up to 2.0 an exam.

You may not collaborate on this task.

2 Sep
Topic: Major Players in International Affairs
   My website: Ingram, “Global Players”
1. (3) Describe the major players (not any specific states) in international affairs.
2. (3) In a paragraph, describe the pluralist world and explain why Ingram prefers to describe the world as pluralist, not polar.

Topic: States (I)
   My website: Ingram, “The State”
   My website: Ingram, vu-graph, “Nations and Nationalism”
   My website: Paul, “Nations and States,” parts 1 & 2
   Choices, Viotti, Chapter 2, “Geography,” pp. 47-61
3. (3) In a paragraph, describe how a state differs from a nation. Give an example of each. The Red Sox nation is not an acceptable answer.
4. (1) How many states are there?
5. (1) What is Paul describing under “pressures from below and above?”
6. (3) Why does Viotti say that “Nigerian” is a national identity that is illusive at best?

Focus: Why States Exist, Are Important, and Will Be Long-Lasting
   My website: Paul, “Nations and States,” part 4
   My website: Ingram, “Why States Exist”
7. (3) In a paragraph, describe the basis for Ingram’s view that the state will remain the primary actor in international affairs far into the future.
Focus: The State, Sovereignty, and Anarchy
My website: Kenneth Waltz, from Man, the State and War
My website: Vu-graphs, Ingram, “Sovereignty”
My website: Vu-graphs, Ingram, “Anarchy”

8. (3) In a paragraph, describe 1) what it means to say that states are sovereign and 2) the two foci of that sovereignty.

9. (1) From the perspective of international relations, what is anarchy?

10. (15) In a short essay, explain Kenneth Waltz’ two conclusions in terms of anarchy and sovereignty. Remember to define the terms.

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Topic: States (II)
Focus: Tiers
My website: Tiers

11. (15) In a short essay, describe Ingram’s concept of tiers.

My website: Rotberg, “The New Nature of Nation-State Failure”

12. (12) In a short essay, describe how a failed state differs from a non-failed state. The answer is not solely on the early pages of the reading.

13. (3) In a paragraph, describe why failed states can be a threat to the national security of the U.S..

My website: The Fund for Peace, indicators
My website: The Fund for Peace, rankings, 2015

14. (1) Name the four states that are ranked as the most vulnerable states in the index.

15. (3) What are the twelve indicators the Fund uses to determine vulnerability, and what are the three primary indicators that cause Nigeria’s poor ranking?

Topic: International Institutions

16. (3) In a paragraph, describe why states create and use international organizations, according to Abbott and Snidal,

My website: Hurd, excerpt from International Organizations, Cambridge University Press, 2010

17. (15) According to Hurd: “All international organizations exist in the conceptual and legal space between state sovereignty and legal obligation. They are created by the commitments made by sovereign states, and their purpose is to bind those states to their commitments.” In a short essay, describe Hurd’s concept of the relationship between states and international organizations.
Focus: IGO – The UN

Wikipedia: The UN, through 5, “Funding”

18. (1) What are the three primary purposes of the UN, according to the Wikipedia article?
19. (1) How many states are members?
20. (1) What is the Group of 77?
21. (3) In a paragraph, describe the role of the General Assembly and its voting procedures?
22. (3) In a paragraph, describe the role of the Security Council and its voting procedures, including how many of the 15 members are required for a decision.
23. (3) In a paragraph, describe how the UN is funded, the basis for contributions, and the top six contributors