

Please read:

Article by Dumit, Joseph, "When Explanations Rest."

Martin, Emily. "Premenstrual Syndrome, Work Discipline and Anger"

Nelkin, Dorothy, and Lawrence Tancredi. "Control." Chap. 8 in *Dangerous Diagnostics: The Social Power of Biological Information*.

Please have two questions from different readings ready.

And then, I would like you to go online and locate different online communities around illnesses such as chronic fatigue syndrome, attention deficit disorder, depression and so on. You should spend some time thinking about what these communities offer you if you were suffering from one of these illnesses, or if someone close to you was. You should also attend to how the communities are organized, how they are supported, and what aspects of living are discussed online and what aspects aren't.

If possible, it would be really helpful if you could email me at least a paragraph or two of your thoughts on one or two sites (along with the links). This would be a great stimulus to class discussion and bring out the specific aspects of different communities.