

**Assignment for Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Watch the TED Talk listed in the syllabus:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/jared\\_diamond\\_on\\_why\\_societies\\_collapse](http://www.ted.com/talks/jared_diamond_on_why_societies_collapse)

Then, please read about each of the variables listed here:

<http://www.pbs.org/gunsgermssteel/variables/index.html>

\*You'll need to click on the hyperlinked variables listed on the right-hand side of the screen to access the individual write-ups.

Finally, write a one-page essay (double-spaced) summarizing Jared Diamond's core arguments. In your final paragraph be sure to outline why the factors Dr. Diamond discusses help one understand why some regions of the world have had a comparative advantage when it comes to economic development. **This assignment is due on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**