

SCIE258 HW2: Ghost Map questions

Answer the following questions based on your reading of Steven Johnson's *The Ghost Map*. Excellent grades will be achieved through detailed responses that demonstrate a careful and close reading of the text together with insight and understanding of its broader themes. Punctuation, grammar, clarity and style are also important. Use direct quotations or paraphrasing of the text where appropriate to support your answers, with citations that consist of page numbers in square brackets. No research or resources other than the book itself are required. If you do use additional sources, include them in a bibliography and provide full in-text citations, but note that you may receive little credit for information from additional sources – the point of this assignment is to obtain information from a careful reading of *The Ghost Map*. For each question, the approximate number of words expected in the answer is indicated. Submit your answers to Moodle as PDF. Any reasonable formatting may be used.

Question 1. (15 points; about 100 words) What theory opposed Snow's theory, and what was the evidence presented for it?

Question 2. (30 points; about 300 words in total – 100 words for each piece of evidence) Describe three key pieces of evidence that Snow developed, and in each case describe how that evidence supported his theory. Label your answers as 2a, 2b, 2c.

Question 3. (40 points; about 400 words in total – 100 words for each factor) Discuss four ways that social, cultural, or political factors inhibited the acceptance of Snow's theory. Label your answers as 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d.

Question 4. (15 points; about 100 words) Describe one or more connections between material you have studied in your own major at Dickinson and the material in *The Ghost Map*.

Total: 100 points; about 900 words.

Acknowledgment: Parts of this assignment are based closely on assignments given by previous instructors of SCIE258.