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INTRODUCTION TO ASSIGNMENTS 2A AND 2B

Lecture 4, Assignments 2A and 2B are a coordinated enterprise. The overall intent is to give you an in-depth experience with a particular transportation system, Amtrak, *and* its relationship to other transportation systems and societal issues.

Lecture 4 will be devoted in full to Amtrak. The first half-hour will focus on an “article for discussion”. In preparation, we ask you to read the article attached to Assignment 2A and write a short review of the article to be handed in at the *beginning* of Lecture 4.

The remaining hour of Lecture 4 will explore aspects of Amtrak (in the broadest sense), which should prepare you to do Assignment 2B, which deals with the application of the 30 Key Points framework to Amtrak.