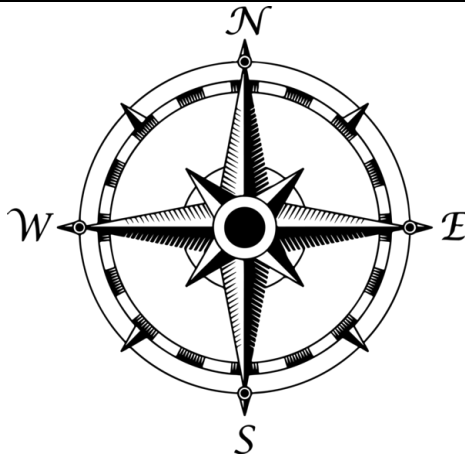


Humans' decisions determine whether societies collapse or succeed.

What do I **need** to know about this?

What is **worrisome** about this?



What is **exciting** about this?

What **stance** do I have on this?

Organizer 3-1: Case Study

Easter Island's End?

Do environmental reasons usually play the most significant in the collapse of a society?

Source #1: Jared Diamond (1995), *Easter's End*, *Discover*:
<http://discovermagazine.com/1995/aug/eastersend543>

Criteria for judging significance:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Possible factors <i>Before reading, predict which ones you think might be most significant.</i>	Judgment of significance 0 [not relevant] → 4 [very significant]	Evidence <i>Include reasoning for your judgment and use evidence from the article to support your thinking.</i>
1. Environmental factors		
2. Foreign invasion		
3. Climate change		

4. Destruction of natural resources		
5. Overpopulation		
6. Disease		
7. Conflict		

Conclusions:

- According to Diamond, how significant were environmental factors compared to others?

- How convincing is Diamond’s argument?

- Have other failed societies collapsed for the same reasons?

Self-assessment checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Did I carefully assess the significance of each factor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can I explain why the Rapanui society collapsed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Were my judgments supported by clear reasoning and evidence from the article?