Seminar Questions:

*In a seminar, the participants carry the burden of responsibility for the quality of the discussion. Good discussions occur when participants study the text closely in advance, listen actively, and share their ideas and questions in response to the ideas and questions of others. The discussion is not about right answers; it is not a debate. Participants are encouraged to think out loud and to exchange ideas openly while examining ideas in a rigorous, thoughtful, manner.*

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The following questions are meant to help guide your reading. You do not have to answer them in writing, though point form notes will be helpful to you during the discussion.

These questions are only meant as a way to *start* the discussion and get you engaged with the text. Write down the questions and observations you come up with yourself as you do the reading. Sharing these points/questions during the discussion will make it a richer and more engaging experience for everyone.

1. What is the main idea of the reading?
2. The cause of the Civil War has been attributed to moral, cultural, social, ideological, and economic reasons. What dominant narrative have you noticed in the lectures, documentary, or other learning you have done around the Civil War?
3. Do you think it is possible to have an objective history of the Civil War? Why/why not?
4. What are some reasons for the changing reasons/popular narratives of the Civil War throughout time?