

What are seminars for?

In my view, a good seminar leader will do five things:

- (1) ensure that everyone has understood the basic material;
- (2) facilitate a stimulating discussion of the material;
- (3) ensure that everyone participates;
- (4) spot anyone in difficulties and resolve those difficulties without derailing the seminar; and
- (5) leave everyone with a structure within which to answer problems or prepare essays in that field.