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I decided to focus my text on my view on how the course shaped and also will shape the project to come.

After this first Unit of Powerplay, I definitely know I made the right choice. Constantly having interesting input, being simulated during the discussions in class and having a broad range of reading that are provided for us.

Looking at the circumstances that we are all part of, I must say it is difficult at times to concentrate fully throughout the classes. My head is wandering off and even after such a long adaptation time to get used to the situation, it does not make it easier. Thanks to the good lead of the teachers and also some very present students in our group, I always get pulled back into the conversation.

From the beginning of the course, I knew I wanted to work with the topic of violence towards our natural environment. When it came to building groups, I was quite overwhelmed, as there were so many interesting topics suddenly occurring. The time was very limited to decide and to get into the topics that the classmates were suggesting.

Looking back at previous projects and also into the future of projects to come, I realised that the collaboration is most important for me. I am not an individual Designer, solely working on my own ideas. The dynamics that the group can create can not arise by yourself. Therefore I found it very difficult to not directly be able to choose with whom I work, looking at the personalities, if we align with our way of working or if we have good dynamics between us. I am curious now to see how the project will shape and I hope for a pleasant working atmosphere with my group.