

Question 1: According to Mills, our sociological imagination can connect biography to history. In the reading, he describes three examples: unemployment, divorce, and war. Based on a current event or news article of your choice, please discuss how your own "biography" is related to a deeper historical meaning or structure.

Additionally, you are required to respond to one of your classmates' posts, and that response post is due Thursday evening (5:00 pm PST). Please make sure to formulate a cohesive and complete response, not something like "I like your post" or "I agree" but rather something that draws out, challenges, or reiterates some of the ideas that your classmate presented.

This is one of my classmates post, response this one. At least 100 words.

In May 2019, Uber, the biggest rider-sharing company in the US, went public, and launched one of the biggest initial public offerings on the American stock market. This event signified the fact that ride sharing business has now gained a large enough scale to play a significant role in the US economy.

The rapid development of ride-sharing business has certainly made my personal life easier. Summoning a car via Uber or other rider-sharing apps is a more efficient and reliable way to travel around than waiting for a taxi or bus. Nowadays, I use rider sharing apps around 4-5 times a week, and I take taxis or buses only rarely.

However, the story becomes more complex when I look at the development of ride-sharing business using the sociological imagination. As stated by Mills(1959), "the sociological imagination enables its processor to understand the larger historical scene in terms of its meaning for the inner life and the external career of a variety of individuals." Ride sharing apps have brought benefits to large number of users like me. In addition, it has also provided a new kind of occupation for many people. However, ride sharing is also squeezing the market for traditional taxi industry and causing many taxi firms to collapse. Some taxi drivers lost their jobs due to ride sharing apps, and some choose to make the transfer and drive for these apps. The growth of ride sharing business was not only about the convenience of my own life, but also about a new industry replacing the old one, a transition that affects many people involved in both industries.