

**DUE: WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2005**

**Book Review**

Instructions

Read a book (fiction or nonfiction) that addresses some environmental issue. **Your book must be approved by the instructor**, but a wide range of books are acceptable. The book must be at least 100 pages long and cannot be a textbook.

Once you have read the book, write a four page book review. The review must be **typed, double-spaced, in 10 or 12 point font with 1-inch margins, correct spelling and proper grammar**. The review may be written in any number of styles, but should include the title and author of the book, a brief (no longer than five sentences) summary of the book, and your overall impressions. In addition to the technical requirements given above, the book report must be interesting!

Some Suggestions on Selecting a Book

There are hundreds of books that would qualify for this assignment, covering a wide variety of topics. However, it can be challenging to find a book that truly interests you. Simple library searches may not do the trick since our library is an academic library, whereas this assignment allows you to read a non-academic book. Here are some suggestions as to how to select a book:

- Ask professors in other classes (particularly in your major) to suggest an environment related book. Most professors are bookworms (duh!) and will be able to think of something that might interest you. Most disciplines have some relationship to the environment.
- Ask friends who read a lot. Some of you probably know a bookworm.
- Visit your favorite bookstore and peruse the “Nature,” “Science,” and “Travel” sections. (What! You don’t have a favorite bookstore?? Try Border’s, Barnes & Noble, or Waldenbooks when you go home or closer to civilization some weekend.) Note some titles of interest and try to get them at the library or through Interlibrary Loan. Alternatively, be extravagant and buy the book.
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