

**AP Environmental Science Summer Assignment**  
**Due September 8th, 2009 (the first day of school)**

1. Over the summer collect at least five articles (750 words or more) published between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 relating to the Environmental Science topics listed below. Your articles should represent at least five of these topics (i.e. some topics could be covered by more than one article). Remember this is an Advanced Placement science class, be sure to choose articles reflective of the level of science we be studying this year, environmental science journals, magazines and online environmental publications are great sources of good information.

- Biodiversity
- Water Issues/Water Quality
- Ecosystems
- Population Demographics/Dynamics
- Human Impacts on the Environment
- Environmental Conservation
- Energy
- Atmospheric Issues
- Solid Waste
- Urban and Environmental Planning

2. Read your chosen articles and prepare a one page, typed response (Times New Roman, 12 point font, double spaced, 1 inch margins) to each including at least one paragraph summarizing the main ideas of the article and one paragraph describing your response to the article (your thoughts, personal opinions, concerns, questions, etc.). Each response should be on a separate sheet of paper. The paragraphs should be quality English paragraphs meaning each should be no shorter than five sentences and your sentences should flow together in a logical manner. Introductory and conclusion sentences aren't a bad idea either. Make sure your ideas are cohesive, don't just write stream of consciousness. Each response should include the following heading:

Your Name
Article Title:
Author:
Date of Publication:
Source:
Related Topic:

3. The articles and responses should all be bound together (a narrow three ring binder is fine) and each page should be numbered (by hand is fine). If the article is removed directly from a magazine or newspaper, glue it to an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper before adding it in your notebook. Include a title page and a table of contents indicating the title, author, publication date, page number (in your notebook) and related topic (from the list able) of each article and page number of each response. If the cover of your notebook is opaque be sure your name is clearly visible on the front (written in Sharpie or on a piece of tape stuck to the front).