

AP Environmental Summer Assignment 2017-2018

*All summer assignments are due on the first day of classes for the 2017-2018 school year regardless of the semester in which you are enrolled in the class. Assignments should be submitted to the teacher you have been assigned to. Summer assignments should be typed using Times New Roman size 11 pt. font and should be 5-10 pages in length. Assignments should be titled with your name, teacher, semester and class period.

Summer Reading:

The Forest Unseen – David George Haskell

This Changes Everything – Naomi Klein

No Impact Man – Colin Beavan

Assignment:

The Forest Unseen

As you read through The Forest Unseen think about the common themes that you see used throughout the book. Pick one of these common themes that you would like to focus on and describe it in your introduction paragraph. Discuss why this theme stood out to you and why you think Haskell uses this as a common theme to tie together concepts in the book.

In the body of your paper find 20 references to specific passages of the book that support the theme that you have chosen. Cite each reference appropriately and explain why you chose that passage to support the idea of the common theme.

In the final paragraph of the paper again refer to the common theme of the book you identified in the introduction and summarize how the book has changed your view of the environment and scientific observations.

This Changes Everything

As you read through This Changes Everything think about the common themes and ideas that are presented in the book. In the introduction paragraph summarize what you believe are the important themes or ideas that capture the purpose of the book as presented by Naomi Klein. What is she trying to accomplish in writing this book?

In the body of your paper you should identify connections between the five different concepts woven throughout the book: politics, economics, individual attitudes, social movements, and history and how they each have influenced climate change or our views of climate change. You should include at least 5 references to specific passages in the book for each of the 5 concepts (25 total references). Cite each reference appropriately and explain how that passage supports the connection between the concept and its influence on climate change.

In the final paragraph of the paper explain how this book has changed your view of climate change. Discuss what Klein proposes as possible solutions to the climate change issue and how you personally feel about the solutions suggested and how likely we are as a society to implement these solutions for real change.

No Impact Man

There is no writing assignment to go along with the No Impact Man novel. Students will be expected to know the content of the book and specific strategies used by Beavan and his family to reduce their ecological footprint. There will be assignments throughout the semester that will refer to the summer reading assignment.