

Environmental Ethics

Research Paper: A Global Perspective

Length: 5 pages text with footnotes and a works cited page. The works cited page does not count as one of the 5 pages

Due Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

This is a major assignment and will count at 40% of your second quarter grade.

No use of the 1st person is allowed.

Objectives:

- To practice research skills and research-based writing
- To study environmental issues from a global perspective
- To collect, study, and interpret data and draw logical conclusions
- To practice proper source citation using MLA format
 - Helpful resource: The Purdue Owl
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html

Instructions

Countries: Brazil, USA, China, Indonesia, Russia, Peru

You will each select a country (randomly, drawn from a hat). Using the resources available through the Gunston Library/Queen Anne's County Library. You may use other online resources, but as we have studied, you will want to verify that these sources/resources are reliable.

In addition to the domains below, you must include the following information in the **introduction** to your paper:

- Current population
- Current per capita income: This is the average income per person in a given area; This information gives you an idea of the country's wealth. You will compare the country's wealth to its environmental impact.
- Your position statement on your country's overall environmental challenges and global environmental impact

Your assignment is to research your country's environmental impact in the following domains (**body**):

- The country's primary natural resources
 - What are they?
 - Which are being depleted?
 - For what reasons?
- Habitat conversion
 - What species are indigenous to the country?
 - What is replacing natural habitat?
 - What will be the consequences of habitat conversion?
- Industry/Agriculture
 - What is the main industry, which might be farming?
 - What is the impact of this industry on the country's natural resources? Think broadly here - who/what are the stakeholders: water, air, soil, habitat, all species

- Pollution
 - What types of pollution are impacting the country? Think broadly here and consider air, water, soil, noise, light, and radioactive
 - What are the sources of the pollution?
 - What will be the long-term outcomes if change does not take place?
- Carbon emissions
 - What are the sources?
 - What is the amount? (Carbon emissions are recorded in metric tons. Explain the data that you find. It is acceptable to include charts and graphs, but be sure to provide the source.)
- Environmental Safeguards and Measures
 - What action steps is the country taking to improve and sustain the environment?
 - Is the country a participant in the Paris Agreement/United Nations Framework on Climate Change
 - Who or which organizations are leading or attempting to lead change?

In the **conclusion** of your paper, you will

- Summarize your findings
- Re-state your personal position as verified by your research