

ENV 2073
Global Warming: Science and Politics of a Contemporary Issue

Writing Assignment #1
Stage 3 – Outline
Due Thursday, February 7, 2019

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The third part of the group project that is due is an *outline* of your paper, indicating what arguments you will use to support your paper's thesis. Here are the parameters:

- It is due on Thursday, February 7, at the beginning of class.
- The outline will count for 10% of your project grade.
- Each student should submit one hard copy. Please make sure your name is indicated clearly. There is no need for a cover sheet.

For this outline, there are three main things for which I am looking.

- First, I want to see that your paper has a logical *organizational structure*.
- Second, I want to see that you have an idea of what *lines of argument* you will use to support your paper's main thesis.
- Third, I want to see that you have *specific details* to support your lines of argument.

Your outline should be *detailed* enough that I can understand what your main arguments are, and I can evaluate if those arguments will help you achieve your paper's objective. If I can't tell from your outline how you intend to prove your case, then your outline probably does not have enough detail, and your grade will reflect that. Your outline should be clear about what pieces of evidence you will use to support your thesis.

I have prepared a supplemental document about outlining. It is based in part on a document that was prepared by my colleague Prof A Stuart, but I have revised it to meet the needs of ENV 2073. Please see that document for instructions on how to prepare a good outline. In particular, this document discusses the level of details in an outline as being Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4. The higher the level, the more detail is included – and hence the more effective your outline will be at guiding your paper. In general, you should expect that your grade on this part of the assignment will likely increase as your level of detail increases – as long as you do not sacrifice your overall arguments or organizational structure in order to work in details.

If you have questions about the requirements, ask me.