

**ENV 2073**

**Global Warming: Science and Politics of a Contemporary Issue**

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Homework Assignment #1

Due Thursday, Sept 8

1. Complete the required reading for weeks 1 and 3. Include the recommended and supplemental reading if you choose.
2. Find an article from a print media source – that means a newspaper, magazine, or journal, NOT a web site – from the past 12 months that addresses the following question: “Has the earth’s climate changed significantly since the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?” Photocopy, print, or cut out the article so you can turn it in. Include all bibliographic data for the article – where it was published, when it was published, who wrote it (if the authors are identified), what page it was on, etc.
3. Find the proper way to cite your news article according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Write or type the citation in proper format so you can turn it in. In your major writing assignments this semester, you will use APA style, so I want you to start learning it now.
4. Write about a paragraph discussing whether the information in your news article is in agreement with the reading in Dessler & Parson’s book. Give specific examples of how your article agrees or disagrees with Dessler & Parson.
5. Be prepared to discuss your article and summarize its most important points in class.

This assignment isn’t difficult, but it requires you to do a few things that you might not yet know how to do: find news articles related to a particular topic; provide bibliographic citations that adhere to a particular required style/format; extract the most important information from a text; compare information from two texts and evaluate if the information is consistent. The library can help you with the first two of these...ask a reference librarian about how to use LexisNexis - it is an amazing tool!