

## Quarter 2 World Geography Project – Mr. Mix

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date Assigned: Wednesday 11/14/11

Library Work Day: Tuesday and Friday 11/15/11 & 11/18/11

Extra Credit: Monday 11/28/11

Date Due: Thursday 12/2/11

Directions: You will be building on the environmental research completed during quarter 1. In this project you will write a short, 1 page environmental essay including in-text documentation. **Important: If you need to change your environmental issue, you must have Mr. Mix approve it before the due date.** Follow all directions exactly. This project must include a full Works Cited page using proper MLA format.

### *Page Instructions*

#### Title Page – Page 1

Title page must include the name of the political unit, student name, instructor, and date turned in.

State Info: Include pictures and names of at least 2 state symbols. (e.g. State bird, tree, flower, etc.) May be computer generated.

#### Essay - Pages 2 + 3

Using the environmental concern you researched during quarter 1, continue your research to find at least one additional article on your chosen subject. Write a one to two page essay (3 paragraphs) about the problem using the following format.

Paragraph #1: Describe and give the history of the problem both nationally and in your state.

Paragraph #2: Describe current efforts to fight the problem within your state.

Paragraph #3: Develop and explain your own suggestions for fighting this problem in the future.

While writing this essay you will be using ideas and information developed by the authors. It is very important to credit these authors in your essay as to not misrepresent the ideas as your own. We do this through a process called “in-text documentation”. When you present the authors “idea” in the body of your essay, you will follow that “idea” by giving a citation.

Here are a few guidelines and tips when tackling in text documentation and work’s cited:

1. When documenting a citation, here is what you cite to first, in order of preference: Author’s last name (page # if in a book) => Title of Article => Publisher.
2. If you can’t identify the publisher, you should seriously re-consider whether you should include that work in your project.
3. Any general or widely known knowledge does not have to be cited.

4. Quotes and specific information/ ideas should be immediately followed by a citation.
5. Check here: [http://lhswildcats.org/files/lhs/docs/n298/cite\\_your\\_sources.pdf](http://lhswildcats.org/files/lhs/docs/n298/cite_your_sources.pdf) for current examples of in-text documentation and works cited pages. This link is on the LHS Library website.
6. The basic form of in-text documentation is easy:
  - (Halsall 46) for a book and page number. Halsall is the author.
  - (The Persian Army) for an online article entitled “The Persian Army”
  - (wsu.edu) for a website that lacks an author or article title

Work Cited – Page 4

This page should include the sources used to find the following: Cover page graphics  
 Essay sources (Minimum of 2)

- ✓ Be sure the sources are in alphabetical order by author/article/publisher
- ✓ No “general encyclopedias” (Encarta, Wikipedia, Ask.com, etc.) are permitted.
- ✓ All information contained in this project must be found in the sources on the “Works Cited Page”.
- ✓ All web sources must be printed out and attached to the back of the paper.

**LHS Online Databases and Useful Websites:**

<a href="#">Facts-On-File</a> (Geography and History – Use The World Atlas Module)	<a href="#">ABC-CLIO Databases</a> (Use the Geography Modules )	<a href="#">Gale Virtual Reference Library</a> (Some great reference books here)
LMC Online Catalog <a href="#">a. On-Campus Access</a> <a href="#">b. Off-Campus Access</a>	<a href="#">Natural Resources</a> <a href="#">Defense Council</a> (Note: links to environmental groups)	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/">http://www.epa.gov/</a> (The Environmental Protection Agency)
<b>Helpful Print Sources—Most of these are also available at Cook Library:</b>		
<i>CQ's State Fact Finder 2006</i> (DESK REF 317.3) See Also: <i>CQ's State Rankings 2010</i> (DESK REF 317.3 Morgan)	<i>Britannica's Student Atlas</i> (Desk Ref 912 Britannica) Maps about land use, resources, climate and the environment	<i>Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States</i> (Desk Ref 973 Gall) Read about Environmental Issues
<b>Cook Library Online Resources—Excellent Sources Not Available via LHS Library: (Use your Cook Library ID/Barcode # to log into these databases)</b>		
<a href="#">America the Beautiful</a> (Grolier Database of the States)	<a href="#">Lands and Peoples Online</a> (Research maps and state info.)	<a href="#">Student Resource Center</a> (Use <i>Geography</i> database module)