

Environmental Science is a field that concerns important topics, with rapidly changing information. How we process that information and make decisions, depends, however, on our philosophical and ethical lenses. In this assignment, you will read and reflect upon one of the books below. Your assignment is to prepare a 1000 word evaluation of the book that contains the following sections (in fact, organize the reflection into these headings below.) You have more than enough time to find something of interest.

**1. *Select a book to read***

Use the book list under the course website, which provides a large range of interesting books for consideration. Most of the books listed are for the general public—they are available in paperback editions that you might pick up at the airport or a Borders or a used book store. However, if you do not see a book that interests you, or if there is one you are dying to read, then come see me. One caveat—do not select a book that you are reading for another class, or have read already.

**2. *Short Summary***

In no more than 100 words, describe the essence of this book. This is the “book review” portion of the assignment. We’re asking you to summarize the book.

**3. *Author Philosophy***

Describe the major environmental philosophy that guides the author. Defend your position using specific examples from the book.

**4. *Impact of the book on your own thinking***

Describe your reactions to the text. List specific statements, thoughts, or philosophies by the author that were especially meaningful to you. You may voice agreement, disagreement or some mixture of these reactions, however you must explain your reaction.

**5. *Evidence of Book’s Influence (on self, on others)***

Discuss at least one personal experience that you have had that is influenced by or relates to this book. Discuss the book’s potential influence on the target audience (which one is this?), on academic thinking, or on public discourse generally.

**6. *Recommendation***

These books made **our** list of “must read”. Would you recommend this book to others? If so, why? If not, why?