

# AP Environmental Science

## SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

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*Due: 8/29/14*

For this assignment, you will be required to read the following book:

*The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollen

You will be required to take a series of quizzes about each section of the book on the following dates:

- Quiz #1 over "Industrial: Corn" on August 15, 2014.
- Quiz #2 over "Pastoral: Grass" on August 22, 2014.
- Quiz #3 over "Personal: The Forest" on August 29, 2014.

You will also write a 2-3 page critical book review (MLA format, double spaced, typed, 12 point font, and 1" margins). **A BOOK REVIEW IS NOT A SUMMARY OF THE BOOK!**

- 1) Your review should identify the author's purpose for writing the book. In other words, what is/are the environmental issue(s) of the book? What set of questions about the environment is the author trying to answer? **USE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES!**
- 2) Who is the audience for the book (scientists, governmental officials, economists, the general public, etc.)? Support your answer by **USING SPECIFIC EXAMPLES!**
- 3) Keep in mind that the author is making an argument about an environmental issue. After identifying the argument and the way it is presented, your job, as the reviewer, is to give an opinion of the book. Your review can be based on the following questions:
  - a. Whose point of view is the author supporting? Whose point of view does the author reject?
  - b. Do you believe the author's argument is convincing? Why or why not?
  - c. Has the author, in your opinion, based his or her argument on sufficient scientific evidence? Why or why not? **USE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES!**
- 4) Finally, your critical review should provide the reader with an evaluation of the book as a whole. How strongly would you recommend the book to other readers?
- 5) This is to be written as a narrative and not simply answers to bulleted questions. Make sure that you cover the items above, but do not chunk it up. The paper should flow seamlessly from section to section with proper transitions. Make sure to proofread! Your paper should not be loaded with grammatical errors!

Please cite all quotes by putting the appropriate page number in parentheses and include a bibliography page. Quotations **SHOULD NOT** make up the bulk of your paper.

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