Intro. to Environmental Studies
Hot Topic Paper

Due in class 9/27/11

Format:
2-3 page essay (typed 12-pt font, Times New Roman with 1-1.25 inch borders, not including bibliography)
Include a copy of the original article
Include 1 - 3 cited references/sources:
Be sure to cite your references within the text after you use information from a source by using the last name of the author and the year (Tanner, 2010). In your bibliography you should use the following format.


Appropriate sources would come from publications such as The New York Times, Scientific American, Science Daily, National Geographic, SEED, Popular Science, BBC Science section, and Discover.

Content:
Your essay should review and critique a recent article that you find in the press regarding an environmental issue. Begin with a brief summary of the paper as well as describing the relevant background science of the topic (basic background is fine). Then go on to briefly discuss what other perspectives/fields could be affected by this topic (ie. economic, cultural, religious, political, etc.). Conclude with ideas (your own or those of others) for solutions to the issue or further questions that arise from the topic. Your essay should be clearly written with proper spelling, grammar, punctuation, citations, and organization (introductory paragraph, thesis statement, and conclusion). Include a printout of the original article.

Grading:
Completion - 10 pts
(Included paper and topic paper)
Formatting style and grammar - 5 pts
(Proper spelling, correct use of grammar and punctuation)
Content - 25 pts
(introduction, article summary, thesis, perspectives, synthesis, conclusion)
Bibliography - 5 pts