

## Summer Assignment for Environmental Science

For this class we are going to be studying everything from the way organisms interact to how water gets polluted. I want you to start thinking about an environmental project you would like to run or get involved in. Everyone should do one at some point in the year.

Some projects that I would like to see us get up and running again are

- Paper recycling
- Aluminium can and bottle recycling
- Composting
- Water saving awareness
- Conservation of species or natural areas

Also, I would like for you to come to back with an idea of topics you would like to study during the year. To help come up with those you may want to choose 1 below. Over the summer I expect there will be more information about H1N1 (swine flu) and the drought. We may also be facing a major drought this summer depending on the rain in the early part of the summer. Please keep your eyes and ears open to what is happening with this issue. I am sure we will have a discussion or two over it in the fall.

So to actually do something over the summer you may choose one of the following

1. Read Gorilla in the Mists by Dian Fossey. As you read the book, keep a journal of your thoughts and feelings about the topics at hand.
2. Silent Spring by Rachel Carson. As you read the book, keep a journal of your thoughts and feelings about the topics at hand.
3. Clip 20 articles on environment in the news. Attach a one-page explanation of each article and how it pertains to our community. You may include only 2 articles from the internet in your collection of twenty.

I look forward to a great year with lots of trips (hopefully)!! This past year we were cursed!! Think of positive thoughts and here are some places we might want to go.

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| Botanical Center | S.A. Zoo              | Honey Creek Preserve     |
| Power Plant      | Water Treatment Plant | Welder Wildlife Preserve |

Have a great summer, and enjoy the environment around you!!