Sustainability Science

Writing Assignment #1

Choose an article relevant to sustainability science from one of the following sources:

▸ *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (*PNAS*), **Sustainability Science** section. (Sustainability science topics do not appear in every issue; when they do appear, they are about the last papers in the issue–topic areas are listed alphabetically.)

▸ *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*

▸ *Yale Environment 360* (from the **‘Reports’ or ‘Analysis’** sections)

Links to each of these are on the K-State Online course website (Course -> Information). If the *Environment* link fails to get you complete access, go through the KSU Hale Library e-journals listing.

Summarize the article.

Connect the content of the reading to other class materials (lectures, videos, assigned readings, discussion topics).

Describe your own viewpoint regarding the article and issues, including an assessment of its quality.

The grading guide (rubric) is posted online. In particular, scores will be based on writing quality, organization, accuracy and sufficiently complete summarization, clarity, linkage of articles and course materials, and expression of your views, including logic and evidence of critical thought. In terms of organization, remember that any paper is benefitted by including an introductory paragraph and a concluding paragraph.

Assignments are to be:

typed, double-spaced, and stapled (printed front-to-back), **or** submitted to the course dropbox

-if you submit to the dropbox, please do so with a Word (.doc) or .txt document. (I can’t make comments/recommendations on your papers with pdf files.)

1 inch margins all around

12 point font

3-5 pages in length

properly referenced: use the (author, date) format in the text of your paper

labeled with your name on the top right corner of the first page (with no separate title page), and with the article you are addressing identified at the top of the first page.

At the end of your paper, list the complete bibliographic information of the article you are reviewing, along with any other materials you have referenced. Please use the following format:

Author last name, author first initial, and initial and last names of any additional authors. Year. Article or chapter title. *Journal* or *Source Title* Volume number(Issue number): start page-end page.

{Books don’t generally have a volume or issue number}

For example:

DeFries, R., G.P. Asner, and J. Foley. 2006. A glimpse out the window: landscapes, livelihoods, and the environment. *Environment* 48(8):22-36. [Include the url or link for the article you a reviewing.]

**Due Monday, September 26.**