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| Attachment 1: Project components, implementation timeline, and credit distribution | |
| Week 1 | * Student interests in environmental issues surveyed * Research partners assigned by instructor based on similarity of interests in environmental issues * Examples of research project themes provided |
| Week 2 | * Top three research topic choices due * Topics assigned to each pair * Guidelines for preparing an outline/abstract of research proposal provided |
| Week 3 | * Outline/abstract of research proposal due (worth 5% of course credit) * Instructor feedback on outline provided * Proposal writing guidelines provided |
| Week 6 | * Research proposals due (worth 15% of course credit) * Two student reviewers assigned for each proposal (double-blind review) * Proposal review guidelines provided |
| Week 9 | * Proposal reviews due (worth 5% of course credit) * Instructor feedback on reviews provided * Each pair received peer feedback on their proposals |
| Week 12 | * Instructions on poster preparation provided * Poster grading scheme provided * Poster review guidelines provided |
| Week 13 | * Poster preparation and presentation to general public on Earth Day, 2008 (worth 10% of course credit) * Each student reviewed any two posters of their choice |
| Week 14 | * Poster reviews due (worth 5% of course credit) * Self assessment guidelines provided |
| Week 16 | * Self assessment of learning from research projects due (worth 5% of course credit) |