



Environmental Issue Inquiry

For this assignment you are being asked to research a current environmental issue happening in our world today. You can look at a topic of your choice but some issues could be:

- **Ocean Pollution**
 - Marine life & impact, water quality, Great Pacific Garbage Patch, farmed vs. wild salmon and fish farms, etc.
- **Fresh Water Resources & Sustainability**
 - Availability of fresh water, sources, pollution, rivers, great lakes, glaciers, ice caps and impact if it all melts, etc
- **Climate Change**
 - Reasons it is happening, government responses and laws, superstorms- hurricanes, tornadoes, oceans rising/coastal flooding, impact of climate change on species extinction, etc

Your Task:

- Begin your research by finding at least 4 different sources related to your inquiry topic
- You must find the reasons why this issue is happening and what is being done (if anything)

Final Submission:

- When you have done your research and inquiry into the topic, you must submit your findings and conclusions. (including your bibliography of sources)
- You must clearly demonstrate/show the following:
 - What is your environmental issue?
 - Why is this issue happening? (give at least 4 examples)
 - What is being done about this issue? (explain why or why not and what is being done- what more needs to be done)
 - Your final conclusions- what needs to be done moving forward? Why?
 - Your bibliography of sources used

Proficiency Scale				
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.