

AOS/IES 171     Spring 2018     Prof. Hitchman

Writing Assignment #1     10 points

The first polished draft will be due Tuesday, February 6.  
You will have two weeks to meet with your assigned Writing Fellow and revise your paper.

Your revised paper will be due Tuesday, February 20.  
Please submit both the first draft and revised paper together.

The first reading is Chapter 3, “Climate and Civilization: A Short History”, from “*Earth in the Balance*” by Al Gore, available from our course website at  
<http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~aos171/Gore1-13.pdf>

Please write a 3-4 page double-spaced response paper.  
You may wish to consider the following questions:

- What are the primary themes?
- What do you think about the examples that were used with respect to our current situation?
- Were some ideas more convincing than others?
- What do you personally think about the relationship between climate change and human activities?

An effective paper should include a title which concisely captures your primary theme, perhaps your personal interpretation of this reading. A highly beneficial approach for effective communication is to simply state clearly in the first paragraph what your main theme will be. One way to do this is with a “roadmap sentence” at the end of the first paragraph, telling the reader the order of development of your ideas. In your discussion it is always good to include specific examples from the reading.