

AOS/IES 171 Spring 2012 Prof. Hitchman

Writing Assignment #1 10 points

The first polished draft will be due Tuesday, February 7. You will then have two weeks to meet with your assigned Writing Fellow, who will give you feedback on your first draft, and to revise your paper.

Your revised paper will be due Tuesday February 21. Please staple the revised draft on top of the first draft. We will then grade your paper on content, clarity in communicating your ideas, style, and evidence of improvement.

Read Chapter 3 in Gore, "Climate and Civilization: A Short History", which you can obtain from our class website. Write a 3-4 page double-spaced response paper, considering the following questions:

- What are the primary themes in the text?
- Do the examples support these themes?
- Are his arguments sound?
- Do you agree with his messages?

Choose a title which concisely captures a major aspect of your paper.

State clearly in the first paragraph what your main theme will be. One good way to do this is to include a "roadmap sentence" at the end of the first paragraph, telling the reader the order of development of your ideas. Be sure to include several examples from the reading to use in your arguments.

*Late Policy for Homework:* You may turn in written assignments after the due date *for half credit (up to 5/10 points)*, until the last day of class.