

Writing Assignment #1 10 points

The first draft will be due Thursday, February 5. We will give them back to you in class on Tuesday, February 10. The second draft will be due Tuesday February 17. In order to be eligible for more points you need to turn in your first draft with your second draft.

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?
- Do the examples support these themes?
- Do you think that the arguments are sound?
- Do you agree or disagree with the 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.

While writing about this topic involving causation it is useful to recall that *effect* is a noun, while *affect* is a verb. For example: “The *effect* of a volcanic eruption is to cool the planet. Eruptions inject sulfur dioxide gas into the stratosphere, forming sulfuric acid droplets which *affect* the radiation budget of the planet.”

You will be given feedback on your first draft, with an opportunity to rewrite it in final form. If you would like to discuss aspects of writing please contact me, our TA, or visit the writing center on campus.

*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.