First Draft Due Tuesday, February 1

Read Chapter 3 in Gore, “Climate and Civilization: A Short History”, downloadable from our class website. Write a 3-4 page double-spaced response paper, considering the following questions:

• What are his primary messages?
• Do the examples that he cites support his messages?
• Are his arguments sound?
• Do you agree with his messages? (This last part is important, since feelings about the validity of climate change concerns will guide how our global society acts.)

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, giving an indication to the reader what the overall progression of ideas will be. Be sure to include several examples from the reading to use in your arguments.

You will be given feedback on your first draft, with an opportunity to rewrite it in final form. You may want to visit the writing lab on campus. Many people find it to be very beneficial.

Quantitative Homework Option: If you have already satisfied your Comm-B requirement and would prefer to do quantitative reasoning assignments instead of the writing assignments, then download quantitative assignment #1 from the web. Please come to my office hours to work on any aspect of the quantitative homework that you need help with. It will be due Tuesday, February 8.

Late Policy for Homework: You may turn in written assignments after the due date, for up to half credit, until the last day of class.