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A.P. Environmental Science - "APES" - Summer Assignments *Due: Tuesday, August 22, 2017*

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Aldo Leopold

Dear AP E	Invironmental Science student,	

Welcome to AP Environmental Science with Mr. Knauer. We are going to have a really great year! To get started thinking about environment issues and impacts, you've got some research to do over the summer. You'll investigate current events by completing the "APES in the Media - Current Event Articles" assignment below. In addition, YOU MUST JOIN GOOGLE CLASSROOM this summer. Finally, pay your fees as soon as possible so I can assign you an electronic textbook code. As we go through the course, you will find yourself thinking about what you read this summer and relate it to what we are learning.

<u>Course Description</u>: AP Environmental Science is a lab-based course that emphasizes the role of the Earth's environment in local, regional and global societies and the impact of people and societies on the environment. Students participate in hands-on activities, discussions, and outdoor projects. The curriculum focuses on the processes of science, the role of energy in all systems, interconnections between biotic and abiotic elements, the role of people in environmental change, and sustainability of environmental and societal systems. The course integrates Earth and Life Sciences, Chemistry and Physics. Students will have the opportunity to contribute to their community and learn more about the world in which we live.

Summer Assignments:

"APES in the Media" - Current Event Articles 1)

- Collect, read, cut out, and paste **FIVE (5)** current environmental articles:
- TWO newspaper articles (online is ok), TWO magazine articles (online is ok) and one article from media of your choice (internet, journal, blog, etc.)
- Answer the following questions in a **typed** response **a one-page response for EACH article**.
 - 1. Describe at least THREE key points or themes of this article. Write a short paragraph.
 - 2. Do you agree or disagree with the author's view or opinion of this environmental problem? What is YOUR opinion based on?
 - 3. How important is this environmental problem in relation to other common environmental issues and/or human health issues? Explain why.
 - 4. How did the article make you feel?

2) ***GOOGLE CLASSROOM - join today! ***

Join your class's GC Group TODAY! Reminders will be posted on GC this summer (so turn on the GC App notifications on your phone!)

Mr. Knauer's classes, Periods 3, 4 & 6 APES Google Classroom Code is: rpes5b

3) Online Textbook - access codes will be given this summer or in class when you get back

AP Edition of Living in the Environment 18th Edition

by G. Tyler Miller and Scott E. Spillman

ISBN-13: 978-1-285-19728-9

All students will purchase an access code to the online edition of this textbook.

You'll pay \$20 to the treasurer at East High when you register in August.

We will give access codes and there will be an assignment from the textbook the first day of class. Therefore, please make your payment *before* the first day of class (Tuesday, August 22, 2017)

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All students MUST have an access code, as there are ON-LINE assignments that are	e linked with the on-
line textbook throughout the year.	

That said, some students prefer to read a hardcopy of a textbook. You may be able to find used copies of this textbook through the usual book purchasing websites (Amazon, Bookbyte etc.). It's a 2015 copyright, so it's still expensive.

If you decide to buy the book, make sure it's the AP Edition and the 18th Edition.

Even if you buy a hardcopy of the book, you must still purchase the \$20 access code, above.

We will have <u>10 copies</u> of the book, available for checkout in August to students who have financial need.

ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY: Assignments 1 & 2 are Due August 22, 2017

- 1) FIVE Current Event Articles cut out, copied, pasted and three typed responses
- 2) Paid fee for Access Code for textbook \$20 to East Treasurer
- 3) Join Google Classroom Class Group TODAY!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Sincerely,

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & GET OUTSIDE! ◎

