

1st Semester Project

3 page Essay and 4 minute Documentary (minimum)

This semester you will be writing a minimum 3(5 max) page essay and creating a documentary on a National Park of your choice. The Essay will highlight what you have learned in researching the National Park. The essay will need an opening thesis, supporting evidence, and a conclusion. The topic of the essay will need to focus on **the major environmental problems plaguing your park(man made or natural)**. The essay must be typed using 12 pt. Times Roman and double spaced.

When we go to the library you will need to do several things there. The first is use locator materials to find your topic. To locate books use the computer catalog, and computers with Internet, periodical index, National Parks pullout shelves or the librarian. These things will help you find books, magazines, newspapers, or articles on your topic.

When we go to the computer lab use multiple websites, you can get started with this <http://www.nps.gov>. This site will help you get contacts at the park, names of park rangers, and address of the park if you want to send away for specific park info.

Once you have found material on your topic, you will need to take notes and copy information out of the book or magazine for your bibliography. You will need to have at least seven (7) references for your report.

You need to use:

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| --Books | --Magazines |
| --Newspapers | --Encyclopedia |
| --Internet | --Person (MUST interview someone for your report) |

Your Video will need to be at least 4 minutes(4-min,10-max) long and cover what you feel the viewer would need to know about the park to make them want to travel there. Then focus on the environmental problems facing the park so that the viewer will understand and get a visual of what is taking place at the park you're covering. Movie Maker will be available for you to create your movie/documentary in the computer lab so use that time wisely. If you would like to download Windows Essentials which contains movie maker free a link can be found on Google Classroom or found below. <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/18614/windows-essentials>

Timeline:

- Choose Park Friday, Sept. 1
- Park Summary Friday, Oct 6 (20pts)
- Thesis Friday, Oct. 20 (20pts)
- References/Bibliography Friday, Nov. 3 (20pts)
- Outline Friday, Nov. 17 (20pts)
- Video Clip 1 min. Submitted to Chapman through Drive Share Friday Dec 1. (20 pts)
- *****Final Paper(250 pts) and video(250 pts) due Wednesday, Dec. 6th (500 pts Total)

NO EXCUSES, MUST BE TURNED IN ON THIS DAY ONLY! IF YOU ARE ABSENT SEND IT WITH A PARENT OR SOMEONE TO GET IT IN ON TIME! AGAIN NO EXCUSES!