

Environmental Science

(Assignment 2)

Prepare a presentation about an environmental issue of your choice, however, please add a First Nation component to your piece. Topics to consider: deforestation/desertification, fracking, open-pit mining, herbicide spraying, alga bloom caused by agricultural run-off, big city air pollution, ocean garbage patch, conflict minerals...

Include the problem, who benefits from the problem, who is opposing its use, how can you contribute to lessening the problem?

When researching your issue, consider the following talking points:

- What is the issue? Describe it as though your audience has never heard of it – maybe they haven't!!
- Into which of the 3 categories of issues does your topic fall? (*Resource depletion, pollution, extinction*).
- From which of the two root causes does your issue originate? (*Population crisis, consumption crisis*).
- How do the different types of values affect environment decision-making related to your issue? (*aesthetic, educational, recreational, socio-economic, health, ethical, economics*)
- Is this issue mainly a global, regional or local issue?
- Who is responsible for causing this issue?
- Who is responsible for dealing with this issue?
- Who is currently working on putting a stop to this issue?
- What (if anything) can we, as individuals, do to deal with this particular issue?

Check out "**The Lorax**" on Netflix! It's a film rated *PG* from Dr. Seuss made in 2012 about environmental stewardship. I'd like for all of you to watch the film and get inspired to think of at least 3 creative ways you can be environmental stewards.

**Environmental Stewardship is something we can do to protect them environment and reduce human impact on our planet. Examples: Create a compost for your home, shop local, or support environmentally friendly companies.*