

# General Guidelines and Additional Information for your Reading Assignment:



You need to purchase "The World Without Us" by Alan Weisman. The library has them for sale for \$15.



Your reading journal needs to be HAND WRITTEN (not typed) in your lab notebook (you will need a spiral bound lab journal for my class- this will be the first "entry." Please reserve the first page of your journal for the table of contents)



Your reading journal will include all 19 chapters AND the coda (20 entries total). Follow the "Reading Guideline" page to help you in your writing



Use complete sentences



Write neatly. If I can't read it, I can't grade it and you will receive a zero



If you are currently signed up for my class this assignment will be due the first day of school. Others who sign up the first week of school are still expected to complete the assignment, but will, obviously, not have the entire summer to work on it. ONLY those students will receive an alternative due date the first week of school.



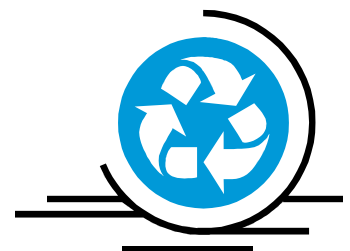
We will reference this book throughout the course of AP Environmental Science. There will be a project within the first 9 weeks and this reading journal will account for **THIRTY PERCENT** of that projects grade as well as its own stand alone test grade (weighted once). You will learn more about the project when you grace me with your presence the first few weeks of school.



I look forward to seeing all of you, and your journals, August 23<sup>rd</sup>!!



If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [ksturges@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:ksturges@mckinneyisd.net) or visit my school website [ksturgesmbhs.pbworks.com](http://ksturgesmbhs.pbworks.com)



## Reading Guideline

**Chapter:** *Include the chapter title and number*

**Date:** *Include the date(s) you read the chapter*

**Pages:** *Write the intervals of pages you read*

**1-2 word summary of the chapter:**

Example- "Population growth,"  
"Soil," "Endangered species"

### **Vocabulary:**

*If the word is new to your vocabulary or seems important write it down here. Regardless if these terms are defined within the text (either up front or via context clues) you need to include them here.*

### **Summary:**

Needs to be 3-7 sentences and you will:

- Describe all main points of the chapter (this includes any subdivisions within the chapter)
- Write a conclusion statement of the chapter (that encompasses all main points within the chapter)

Do not add extra information or your personal opinion

Above information can be found at the following:

([http://www.class.uidaho.edu/adv\\_tech\\_wrt/resources/general/how\\_to\\_summarize.htm](http://www.class.uidaho.edu/adv_tech_wrt/resources/general/how_to_summarize.htm) )

For additional help:

<http://www.writeanygenre.com/writing-a-summary.html>

### **DO NOT PLAGIARIZE!**

If you take directly from a paragraph use quotes and make a citation. If you paraphrase a paragraph you better cite it.

For more information on what is and is not plagiarism please visit:

[http://www.plagiarism.org/plag\\_article\\_what\\_is\\_plagiarism.html](http://www.plagiarism.org/plag_article_what_is_plagiarism.html)

[http://www.valdosta.edu/~cbarnbau/personal/teaching\\_MISC/plagiarism.htm](http://www.valdosta.edu/~cbarnbau/personal/teaching_MISC/plagiarism.htm)

### **Reflection:**

This is the section where you can write your opinions/feelings. This section includes, but is not limited to:

- Agreeing or disagreeing with any topics with explanation
- Discussing changes in previous knowledge with information presented
- Discussing your personal habits in regards to what you have learned (i.e. your personal environmental impact)
- Discussing any correlations you find with current events
- Any additional questions the chapter presents

Your reflection needs to be at least 3-6+ sentences long. There are many topics that should make you think "Wow, I never knew that" or "Whoa, really?" This is where you can address those personal thoughts and feelings. If this section makes you want to hug a tree, no one is stopping you from doing so.

