

# ENV 121-122 Summer Assignment for 2022-2023

Choose one of the books listed on the next page to read for the summer. Pace yourself. Try reading one or two chapters per week. Try checking the book out from the APS or Arlington County library. If you have trouble getting the book, let me know and I will help you.

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If you have a book you'd like to read that is not on this list, send an email to [kristina.brody@apsva.us](mailto:kristina.brody@apsva.us) and get approval first.

**What you will turn in:** (Copy this Google Doc. Give it your name. Use this Google Doc. Share it with [kristina.brody@apsva.us](mailto:kristina.brody@apsva.us) to turn it in)

**Below, write a short book review. (200-300 words):**

[Follow these as examples.](#)

You can write your review two different ways:

1.
  - a) Explain the book, why you chose it, and why you feel it is important. Describe in detail one issue or problem the book helped you to learn about. Explain whether you feel the book did a good job of describing this problem. Did the book offer solutions? If not, what solutions should it have offered? If you feel the book did a bad job of describing the problem, explain why.
  - b) Read some separate articles and explain whether the book left anything out or describe another way a certain problem is described in other sources. List TWO OTHER articles or URLs that you read to write this review.
  
2. OR
  - a) Compare your review with another review of this book (you may have read a book that has already been reviewed). Do you agree with the other person's review of the book? Choose at least three specific points from the other review and then agree or disagree with those points.
  - b) Do some research to back up your conclusions. List at least TWO OTHER articles or URLs that you read to write this review.

Be prepared to share briefly about your book to the class on the first or second day of class. DO NOT copy text directly from a source or from another student. Points will be deducted.

Please send an email to [kristina.brody@apsva.us](mailto:kristina.brody@apsva.us) if you are not sure how to start your review or how to organize it.

## LIST OF POSSIBLE BOOKS:

“The Insect Crisis.”

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/insect-crisis-book-threats-population-decline-problem>

“The World is Blue: How Our Fate and the Oceans are One.”

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/6885052-the-world-is-blue>

“The Sky of our Manufacture”

<https://www.amazon.com/Sky-Our-Manufacture-British-Fiction/dp/0813937930>

“Braiding Sweetgrass”

[https://www.amazon.com/Braiding-Sweetgrass-Indigenous-Scientific-Knowledge/dp/1571313567/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=23T7J9XUZ8ZLF&keywords=braiding+sweetgrass&qid=1654041161&s=books&sprefix=%22braiding%2Cstripbooks%2C50&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Braiding-Sweetgrass-Indigenous-Scientific-Knowledge/dp/1571313567/ref=sr_1_1?crid=23T7J9XUZ8ZLF&keywords=braiding+sweetgrass&qid=1654041161&s=books&sprefix=%22braiding%2Cstripbooks%2C50&sr=1-1)

Girl Warriors: How 25 Young Activists are Saving the Earth

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/rachel-sarah/girl-warriors/>

Our Changing Menu

<https://www.ourchangingmenu.com/book/>

The Omnivore’s Dilemma

<https://michaelpollan.com/books/the-omnivores-dilemma/>

“Plastic Free”

<https://unsw.press/news/plastic-free/>

“Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore”

<https://elizabethrush.net/>

“The Death and Life of the Great Lakes”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/23/books/review/the-death-and-life-of-the-great-lakes-dan-egan.html>

Five books about climate change (you can choose one of these):

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/04/21/books/climate-books.htm>