

**Climate Change and the Media
(Assignment #3)**

Due Date: November 23, 2016 (11:59 pm) via blackboard

Worth: 10 points

Bonus points: 5 (for turning in excellent quality of work)

1. Find an article from a reputable news source that discusses climate change.
 - a. Sources: LA Times, NY Times, The Atlantic, Al Jazeera, The Washington Post, National Geographic, etc. (Email me if you not sure of the source). No Buzzfeed, DailyMail, or something similar to these sources.
 - b. Date: The date of the article has to be within the past year, nothing before November 1, 2015.
 - c. The article needs to discuss how climate change is effecting a certain region, its weather pattern, plants and animals, or the local population. **I do not** want articles discussing current politics and how certain politicians deny climate change. Acceptable topics would include climate refugees, sea level rise/glaciers melting, extreme/abnormal weather conditions, harming the local plant/animal species, etc.
 - d. Include a copy of the article along with your written portion, either a working link or copy and paste the article after your essay.
 - e. Short articles will not be very helpful for this assignment and will only hinder you.
2. The format of the file submitted to Blackboard has to be either .doc or .pdf, no other format will be accepted.
3. Include a proper heading with a title; name, date, class, assignment, and your work's title. A good title introduces and sets up the foundation for your work.
4. Work cited page: cite your sources in your work cited page, the textbook and your article. When using quotes, cite the source within your text including page number.
5. Length of the assignment: approximately 600 words that should not exceed two pages.
6. Written portion: discuss how climate is effecting a certain location/region, harsher or abnormal weather conditions, or the local population and discuss the science behind how exactly this occurs. Is the article missing key scientific concepts? Is the scientific explanation correct if included? How exactly is climate change directly or indirectly effecting the subject in question? Do you agree or disagree with the article? Be detailed with your response, do not generalize this process. There may be multiple points to be made so just pick a couple to discuss in detail.
 - a. Do not summarize the article, use examples from the article to support your argument.
 - b. Use your textbook as a source to back up your argument.

Grading Criteria

1. Following directions along with including everything that the assignment asks for.
2. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar
3. If the assignment is well organized and clean. I want a professional looking assignment to be turned in.
4. A well thought out essay with supporting examples.
5. No plagiarizing! Always cite your sources and use quotes when using text from another author.