

2020-21 AP Environmental Science Summer Assignment

Welcome to APES! AP Environmental Science is an academic course designed to examine ecological, biological, chemical, physical, and geological concepts and interactions. A student in this course should be familiar with local, regional, and global concerns within his own environment. The objective of this summer assignment is to get you thinking environmentally. Please note that this assignment will be collected for one test grade at the end of the first week of school. Please assemble all materials in a folder with table of contents. All materials should be typed. APES is perhaps the most relevant class one can take in high school, and completion of the summer assignment will do three very important things for you:

1. Make the class during the year EASIER for you,
2. Make the class MORE ENJOYABLE and more INTERESTING to you,
3. IMPROVE YOUR SCORE ON THE AP EXAM in May, 2020.

The key word with this assignment is CONCISE. I truly believe in the advantages of this assignment and don't want it to be overwhelming to any student, so if you have any questions, at any time, feel free to contact me at fulfordwh@lee.k12.ga.us. Please give me some time to respond to your emails. I hope that you have an enjoyable, exciting, and educational summer! I look forward to meeting you (or seeing you again) in August.

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Assignment Instructions:

The assignment is to read *The Story of Stuff*. The cliffs notes, or the spark notes, or any other easier and less informative method of attempting to earn credit for the assignment, is not acceptable. A concise summary along with a personal reflection is to be written after each chapter is read. The reflection for each chapter should contain an APA heading with name, date, course, and include these four things:

- ⊙ With what information did you learn or agree?
- ⊙ With what information or facts do you disagree or have concerns?
- ⊙ What did you find interesting about the chapter?
- ⊙ What questions did the chapter raise for you or what did you not understand?

There should also be a summary at the end of the assignment that provides a reflection of the book as a whole.

This summary should also be complete, concise, and include the following:

- ⊙ Did you enjoy or not enjoy the book, and why?
- ⊙ Do you believe the book to be accurate/inaccurate and why?
- ⊙ Do you believe the author to be biased/unbiased and why?
- ⊙ Would you recommend the book to a friend or not, and why?
- ⊙ The most important thing to take away from the book and why.

Deliverables:

1. Table of Contents (TOC) which should include proper APA heading. The TOC should include the chapter number, chapter title, and chapter page number.
2. The summary of each chapter should be a minimum of four complete sentences and should not include direct quotes and should be written in your own words.
3. The summary of the book should be a minimum of eight complete sentences and should not include direct quotes and should be written in your own words.

The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff Is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health-and a Vision for Change

by Annie Leonard

A classic exposé in company with *An Inconvenient Truth* and *Silent Spring*, *The Story of Stuff* expands on the celebrated documentary exploring the threat of overconsumption on the environment, economy, and our health. Leonard examines the “stuff” we use everyday, offering a galvanizing critique and steps for a changed planet.

The Story of Stuff was received with widespread enthusiasm in hardcover, by everyone from Stephen Colbert to Tavis Smiley to George Stephanopolous on Good Morning America, as well as far-reaching print and blog coverage. Uncovering and communicating a critically important idea—that there is an intentional system behind our patterns of consumption and disposal—Annie Leonard transforms how we think about our lives and our relationship to the planet.

APA Formatting Help:

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