

Honors Biology

Human Population Growth Assignment

1. Read pages chapter 6 in your text. These sections in your text begin to go beyond the pure biology of growth of a population and look at the human implications. As potential future leaders you need to begin to wrestle with the social implications of your knowledge.
2. Write a short essay (maximum 800 words) discussing your own views on the topic below. Explain your reasoning as clearly and convincingly as possible. Incorporate information from your text and our classroom discussions into your essay.
3. Your essay will be graded, not on your views, but on how well you support and explain your views. You do not have to type this assignment, but if you do it should be double-spaced. If the assignment is not typed it should be very easy to read.
4. Your essay should focus NOT on overpopulation in South Florida, but on what WE can/should do about overpopulation where it is truly a problem. Begin to think like the community and world leaders you will be some day. Can your generation do a better job dealing with these issues than mine did? You don't have to have all the answers (this is a HARD PROBLEM), but you need to start thinking about possible answers.

Topic: “In his book Environmental Science Miller points out that the unprecedented projected increase in human population from 5 billion to 10 billion by the year 2050 raises serious questions. Will there be enough food, energy, water, and other resources to assure adequate education, housing, medical care, and other social services for all of them?” How can/should we adapt socially and politically to an even more overcrowded world?

Human Population Growth Essay Rubric

Meets Requirements _____ / 2
English, spelling, etc. _____ / 2
Global Perspective _____ / 2
Include text/class info _____ / 2
Clarity _____ / 6
Creativity, Thoughtfulness _____ / 6

TOTAL _____ / 20