Biology 115
Alternative to Desert Museum Field trip
100 points toward lab grade
Ecology/Conservation Person Paper
Due date end of semester see Syllabus

The Assignment

Many people and organizations throughout history have had impacts on the perception and the science of ecology and conservation biology. Both individuals and organizations have helped change philosophy, perspectives, and government policies by inspiring people to view ecology and conservation biology in a different perspective. The person or organization you choose to write about does not have to be in the scientific realm. For instance you might want to explore how certain artists, musicians, politicians, writers, activists, etc. have made an impact. You will make the decision on whether you view the impact from the person or organization in a positive or a negative light.

Visit art museums, historical centers, libraries, books, magazines, or the internet to investigate this paper. Choose one person or organization but mention in the introductory paragraph how three people/organizations influenced your topical choice. The following paragraph is an example.

*John Muir* was a successful inventor until he became blinded by an industrial accident. He promised God that if his sight was restored he would devote “his time to the creations of God rather than man”. John Muir’s sight was restored and he became known as the “tramp of the Sierras”. He eventually founded the *Sierra Club*. One of his good friends, *Gifford Pinchot*, became the first head of the Forest Service. John Muir’s philosophy of preservations and the Forest service’s philosophy of multiple use created an enormous strain on these two men’s relationship.

I picked John Muir and I brought 1 other person and 2 organizations into the story. You can use both people and organizations for the three. It’s up to you. **You may not pick John Muir since I’ve already written an introduction to him. There are suggestions for people on the following page.**

The Paper Itself

Summarize you findings in a 4 to 5 page double-spaced paper in 12 point font. Include a title page with the title of your paper, date, class, an index of the body of the paper, and the reference pages. Include the following information on the reference page; author, title, source, date released, pages. If the reference is from the internet include the
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following: author, title, name of the web site, date released, and the full web site address. The paper must be written in a standard format as described by a writing manual.

Part 1 – Write an introductory paragraph summarizing your choice and how 3 other people/organization influenced or interacted with your choice.

Part 2 – Research your choice and write a review of that person’s or organizations contribution to ecology or conservation biology.

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You can choose anyone that is listed in your reference section of your textbook

Some historical figures you could choose
Gifford Pinchot
Rosealee Edge
Bob Marshall
President Theodore Roosevelt
Rachael Carson
Wesley Powell

Current People
Edward O. Wilson
David Yetman (local)
David R. Brower