Physical Geography in the News Project: Handout # 2

By now you have chosen your topic and should be researching and/or writing your paper. Remember that your topic must center on a physical geography concept or process and how it impacts and/or is impacted by humans.

The written component will comprise a 4-8 page paper plus complete bibliography and graphics (maps, graphs/charts, photos, etc.). **You must include at least 1 map illustrating some aspect of your topic.** You may either draw the map yourself or incorporate a copy or image of a published map; be sure to cite the sources you use in either case.

Your paper must be typed, double-spaced using 1” margins and a font size no larger than 12 pt. Be sure to proofread for spelling and grammar (get help with this, if necessary; don’t rely only on you word-processor’s spelling and grammar-checkers, as they can’t catch everything).

Be careful not to represent someone else’s words or ideas as your own; this is considered plagiarism. Plagiarism can be avoided by using internal citations (Author, Year, Page #) at the ends of relevant sentences and listing all sources in a bibliography. For more information on citing your sources, see [http://www.geog.psu.edu/courses/geog100/biblio.html](http://www.geog.psu.edu/courses/geog100/biblio.html).

You should consult the following excerpts from Joe Schall’s *Style for Students*, available at [http://www.ems.psu.edu/~schall/Style.html](http://www.ems.psu.edu/~schall/Style.html), for tips on:

- Essays and Term Papers
- Sound Paragraphing
- Using Active Verbs
- Equations, Figures, and Tables
- Citing Sources Effectively

More detailed information on writing a research paper is available from Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab at [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/ResearchW/index.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/ResearchW/index.html)

For info on CCP’s online tutoring, visit [http://faculty.ccp.edu/dept/learn_lab/OtherRes/Online%20English%20Tutoring.htm](http://faculty.ccp.edu/dept/learn_lab/OtherRes/Online%20English%20Tutoring.htm)

**Remaining Due Dates:**

- **April 12** outline or first draft and bibliography due in class
- **April 26** oral overviews in class
- **April 28** final project due in class