

Lab Essay Topics: ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

The Environmental Biology Essay topics are detailed below. Choose one topic for your essay. In order to receive full credit, you MUST follow ALL of the basic essay guidelines as described on the BIO 1102 course web site. These guidelines are very simple and straightforward, however failure to follow them will result in a loss of points and potentially even a zero on the assignment. A full list of essay guidelines, as well as a sample essay and other helpful links, can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.eeb.uconn.edu/courses/bio102/Essayguidelines.htm>

Please be prepared to discuss your topic in lab

<p><u>Topic A: Tropical Rainforests</u></p> <p>Many of the world's tropical rainforests and the biological diversity they hold are currently being threatened in a variety of ways. Choose one specific region in the world that fits this description and gather some information about it. Where is it located? Why is it so ecologically important? What specific threats is it currently facing? What, if anything, is being done to stop those threats?</p>	<p><u>Topic B: Deserts</u></p> <p>Many of the world's deserts and the biological diversity they hold are currently being threatened in a variety of ways. Choose one specific region in the world that fits this description and gather some information about it. Where is it located? Why is it so ecologically important? What specific threats is it currently facing? What, if anything, is being done to stop those threats?</p>
<p><u>Topic C: Ocean/Marine/Reef</u></p> <p>Many of the world's marine habitats (oceans, estuaries, reefs, etc.) and the biological diversity they hold are currently being threatened in a variety of ways. Choose one specific region in the world that fits this description and gather some information about it. Where is it located? Why is it so ecologically important? What specific threats is it currently facing? What, if anything, is being done to stop those threats?</p>	<p><u>Topic D: Antarctica/ANWR</u></p> <p>The biological diversity of the virtually untouched habitats of Antarctica and the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve are currently facing an array of new threats. Choose either of these two ecologically important regions and gather some information about it. Where is it located? Why is it so ecologically important? What specific threats is it currently facing? What, if anything, is being done to stop those threats?</p>