

Book Discussion Paper Assignment

Your assignment is to read one of the books listed below (a book you haven't already read) and write a five page paper that clearly explains the major theses of the book and a well thought out response. The paper should be word processed. Your paper should be carefully written, spell-checked and edited. Please hand in a polished, concise paper- not a first draft. Express your opinions thoughtfully and courageously. Make a point. Take a stand. Make this a wonderful, sincere, fascinating paper to read. You will be evaluated on both the style and content of the paper.

Most of the books are at the university bookstore but you may need to look for some of the books at other bookstores. We recommend perusing the bookstore(s) early so you can make a good selection and so that you have ample time to read and think about what you have read.

Select your book from the following list:

New Roots of Agriculture Wes Jackson
Becoming Native- Wes Jackson
The Gift of Good Land Wendell Berry
What Are People For ? Wendell Berry
Living Downstream- Sandra Steingraber
Our Stolen Future, Colborn, Dumanoski and Myers
Family Farming- Marty Strange
Epitaph for a Peach- Mas Masumoto (also Harvest Son)
Restoring the Earth- Kenny Ausubel
A Green History of the World, Clive Ponting
Enduring Seeds- Gary Nabhan (also Forgotten Pollinators)
Coming Home to Eat, Gary Nahban
Second Nature- Michael Pollan
Omnivore's Dilemma, Michael Pollan
Noah's Garden- Sarah Stein
The Contrary Farmer- Gene Logsdon
One Straw Revolution or The Road Back to Nature, Masanobu Fukuoka
On Good Land, Michael Ableman
This Organic Life: Confessions of a Suburban Homesteader, Joan Gussow
Biopiracy, Vandana Shiva
Fatal Harvest, The Tragedy of Industrial Agriculture, edited by Andrew Kimbrell
Your Money or Your Life, Joe Dominquez and Vicki Robin
Hope's Edge Francis Moore Lappe and Anna Lappe
The Essential Agrarian Reader- Norman Wirzba
Safe Food, Marion Nestle
Food Politics, Marion Nestle
Nourishing Traditions- Sally Fallon
Harvest for Hope- Jane Goodall
Reclaiming the Commons- Brian Donahue
Crimes Against Nature: How George W. Bush and His Corporate Pals Are Plundering the Country and Hijacking Our Democracy, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.,

The paper is due Thursday, May 24 and will represent 15% of your final grade for the class