

QFM Eaarth (Preface, Ch 1&2) - K. Debure
Due Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 11:30am

Writing Assignment #8

Write an essay which synthesizes the basic ideas of a portion of the assigned reading. Reflect upon how these ideas accurately describe or are very different from your own reasoning and experiences.

Topic #1: Summarize some of the statistics in the opening chapter that show how the earth has already been changed—the oceans are more acidic, mosquitoes and dengue fever more widespread, storms are bigger and more frequent. Which of these facts, if any, did you find most surprising? Discuss the impact of global warming as a problem for future generations—not yourself.

Topic #2: On pages 90-101, Bill McKibben asserts that, as of now, growth is an inherent component of our economy. Summarize his main ideas related to growth. Can you imagine a world where economic growth isn't sought? What do you think would have to happen for that to be feasible?

Your paper should be one page long, single spaced, in Times Roman with a font size of 12. Margins should be 1" on each side, top and bottom. Please do not include a title block or reiteration of the question at the top of the paper. Simply begin your discussion or essay on the first line. You are expected to proofread and spell check your paper before turning it in.

Please hand write the word "pledged" in the bottom right corner of the page to signify that the essay you are submitting is consistent with the Honor Code.

