Preston High School Geography Department

**APA STYLE REPORT – CGR4M SUMMATIVE**

**GUIDELINES**

**Experimental report - Headings**

**Introduction**

Why the topic is important? Why did you choose the topic?

**Initiative Overview**

A discussion of the initiative in broad terms, including the purpose of the initiative

**Current Situation**

Give a detailed description of the problem you are trying to remedy. You will need environmental (historical) background dealing with your issue. This may / may not include…

1. A brief history of your issue. This will include factors from the past that have led to the environmental predicament.
2. What are the central issues? Including developments, opposing viewpoints, land use struggles and management issues.
3. Who are the major stakeholders in your topic area? This could be governments, companies, non-government organizations and individuals
4. Local historical factors – environmental, political, cultural, economic factors that have lead to the current situation.
5. Ecological Research into the science of your issue. The relationships between any ecosystem elements that you are engaged with respect to your initiative.
6. What is the nature of your activism? - conservation, preservation,

restoration, protection, remediation, mitigation or sustainability? Explain in detail.

1. How did you carry your activism out? Writing emails to local government officials, helping a local organization, setting up programming, cleaning, monitoring etc. Explain.
2. Include maps of the selected area. This could be multiple maps of the area or areas your research/activism focuses on.
3. What was the outcome of your activism? What obstacles did you have to overcome? Where you successful or unsuccessful in meeting your desired outcome. Explain.
4. What do you think needs to happen in order for the environmental issue to improve or change? Change in peoples spending, attitudes, more education or media coverage?
5. Needs to be approximately 1000 words, not including reference lists.

**Results**

What did you learn from your experience? This is not expected to be ‘ground breaking in scope or importance’. You need to be aware that your results should gibe with your research in terms of factual understanding of the environmental aspects of your issue. You may also have results that ‘ rate’ your success or failure in terms of the nature, scope, and a realistic appraisal of your project. Not all projects will be successful. An honest debrief and reflection of your initiative will help.

**Discussion**

What your findings mean? This section will link your learning to researched information on your subject matter. It should deal with implications of your issue in environmental, economic, social/cultural, or political fields. You should find similar initiatives undertaken by other individuals, groups, organizations or governments that you can compare your results with (successes or failures). Your discussion may be what we ‘all’ should be aware of, or value in our environment… it may be comments on how you feel we as a community should deal with the issue or prioritize it in our lives etc. It may be a comment on awareness of the issue.

**Conclusion**

A short summary of your project in terms of evaluating your initial proposal and commenting on the highlights of your learnings, successes, failures and lessons learned. This may include a comment on future implications.

**References**

This should be an APA style reference page as discussed in class.