

Environmental Science Summer Reading Assignment

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Google Class Invite Link:

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Book: [This Borrowed Earth- Lessons From the 15 Worst Environmental Disasters Around the World](#) (click on title for link to amazon.com)

Author- Robert Emmet Hernan

As students of Environmental Science, as well as citizens of Planet Earth, it is important that you understand how, why, and where Earth's worst environmental disasters occurred and the consequences that emerged from each of them. Author Robert Hernan reminds us that *"we are all vulnerable on this borrowed earth, and we must protect the environment that nurtures us and on which all life depends"*. We need to know the past in order to make the necessary changes to protect our planet's future. This book gives accounts of the 15 worst environmental disasters around the world.

As you read this book, you will create a **reading journal** in the Google Document attached to the Google Classroom Summer Reading Assignment. In this **one** document, you will record facts about each event and your own thoughts. Use a bulleted and numbered format, with between 10 to 15 bullets per each of the 15 environmental disasters. You should have 15 entries in total, following the table of contents in the book beginning with Minamata, Japan and ending with **Global Climate Change**. Be sure to write the name of the disaster at the top of each bulleted list. When you finish you will have **15 environmental disasters listed in order with 10 to 15 facts and/or opinions for each**.

Your Reading Journal will be due on the first Monday of classes in September. It must be submitted via Google Classroom.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions on this assignment.