

***Before the Flood* Alternative Writing Assignment**

DUE DATE: SEE INSTRUCTOR/SYLLABUS FOR DUE DATE

** no late work accepted for this assignment **

In class we watched a documentary called *Before the Flood*. Since you missed this you will need to complete this alternative assignment in order to get a passing grade.

You will need to find (online, library, rental) and watch the film **An Inconvenient Truth** by Al Gore and Davis Guggenheim. After watching this film I hope you will have gained a fuller understanding of the scientific perspectives on global warming. With these ideas as a starting point I want you to read one of the articles produced by the Boston Globe in a special series on Climate Change at the 45th Parallel

<http://www.itsallgeography.com/>
(follow the link to our webpage)

I want you to skim read several of these reports and pick one that is interesting to you.

In a standard 5 paragraph essay (approximately 1 ½ pages) explain the following:

- Which article you chose and **Why** you chose it. A **Brief** recap of the article.
- **Explain** what is the issue and why it is occurring (i.e. polar bears are forced to swim farther to reach sea ice, with sometimes fatal results, due to rising temperatures and sea ice melting)
- **Connect** this article's problem with some of the situations shown in the film *Planet in Peril*
- **Propose** some possible solutions to this problem and, perhaps, your own **personal opinion** concerning this issue in the conclusion.

The paper is to be type written, grammar and spell checked. **No late work will be accepted.**

The screenshot shows the Boston Globe website interface. At the top, it says "November 11, 2008" and "The Boston Globe". Below the masthead is a navigation bar with links for "HOME DELIVERY", "BREAKING NEWS", "UPDATES", "Local", "Business", "Politics", and "Health". A secondary navigation bar includes "HOME", "TODAY'S GLOBE", "NEWS", "BUSINESS", "SPORTS", "LIFESTYLE", "A&E", "THINGS TO DO", "TRAVEL", "CARS", and "JOBS". Below this is a row of sub-sections: "Local", "National", "World", "Campaign '08", "Business", "Education", "Health", "Science", "NECN", "Obituaries", and "Special reports". The main content area features the article title "THE 45TH PARALLEL WARMING WHERE WE LIVE" and a sub-headline "Small New Hampshire city takes on a global warming challenge". The article text begins with "Environmental awareness exploded in the last year as scientists issued dire reports about manmade global warming. Yet even when people adopt eco-friendly habits - whether driving less or composting more - research shows they don't sustain them for long." Below the text are three bullet points: "GRAPHIC Carbon dioxide emissions", "GRAPHIC Keene's part", and "GRAPHIC What everyone can do". On the left side of the article, there is a photograph showing a line of cars parked on a street, with a person walking in the foreground.