

PAPER CRITERIA—REL 250**DUE DATE: June 19**

Paper Topic: The paper can be written either as a standard research paper on a topic of your choice related to course content or a report on the work of a local environmental organization that combines the areas of religion and environmental protection. For the latter project, you should include **either** an interview (phone or in-person) with a representative of this particular organization **or** a description of your visit to a function sponsored by the organization **and** an assessment of this particular organization's efforts to alleviate environmental problems. If you have questions about a proposed paper topic, please let me know.

Requirements:

1. In the first paragraph of your paper, you must have a clear and concise thesis that makes an affirmative statement concerning what you will be addressing. **"In this paper, I will..."** is a perfectly suitable way to begin your thesis statement.
2. The body of your paper should be organized in a manner that clearly shows support for your thesis.
3. Your paper should contain the coherent development and the conclusion of your argument.
4. Your paper should be **4** double-spaced pages in length.
5. You must include at least **2** sources. In addition to books, interviews (phone or in person) and alternative media sources such as film clips count as sources.
6. You must provide documentation including either in-text parenthetical citations or footnotes to document the sources you use in your paper. As long as you maintain consistency in your documentation, you are welcome to use the documentation style of your choice. In addition to in-text citations, you must include a Works Cited/Bibliography page.
7. Your paper should be well written and proofread thoroughly. Points will be deducted for consistent grammatical errors.