



Environmental Policy

Researching Environmental Legislation
Leveled Assessment _____/4

Name: _____
Section: _____
Score: _____/20

Directions: Working individually or as a pair you will be preparing a presentation about a piece of environmental legislation that has been enacted. Your presentation will include elements that have been covered throughout the course of the year.

Choose a law related to the environment to prepare a presentation about. You will have two weeks to prepare your presentation. Presentations will need to be between 3 and 3 ½ minutes for individuals, and 5 and 5 ½ minutes for pairs. Your presentation will need to include information about each of the numbers sections below, underneath each one there are suggestions of information you should cover about each section.

Suggested Laws

Clean Air Act (CAA)	Clean Water Act (CWA)	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
Oil Pollution Act	Pollution Prevention Act (PPA)	Endangered Species Act (ESA)
Animal Welfare Act (AWA)		Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

Chosen Law: _____

Law Introduction

- A brief overview of what the bill includes

History of the Law

- What events led to its passage?
- What were some of the complications in the formulation and passage of the law?
- Who initially introduced the bill? Generally who voted for the law (3 comparative characteristics about the states, political affiliations, etc...)

Provisions of the Law

- What does the law actually do?
- What is the purpose and what are the intended outcomes?
- Particularly what elements of environmental protection are

Regulating Agencies

- Which executive agency is responsible for the implementation of the law?
 - o What are their specific duties for enforcing the bill?
 - o What types of reporting or oversight is mandated as part of the bill
- What costs are estimated as associated with the bill?

Additions to the Law

- Briefly explain any updates or additions to the bill since its passage

Related Court Cases

- Give a brief overview of major relevant court cases involving the law
 - o What was being challenged about the bill? How did the court rule and why?

Effect and Criticism of the Law

- What types of things has this law been credited with in terms of positive effects?
- Explain what opposition there is to the bill and why

Group Members: _____

Project Grading Rubric				
	4	3	2	1
Quality	All sections covered concisely yet thoroughly enough to explain parts of the law	Most sections fully covered, but some not explained completely	At least 50% of materials covered to the point that a basic understanding of the law is conveyed	Attempted, but many sections lacking to the point of confusion about the law and its effect.
Professionalism	Project cleanly put together in a professional manner, formally presented, and work time well utilized	Minor pauses, fillers, or disruptions in presentation that show lack of preparation. Information overall mostly conveyed clearly, though some not as much	Some larger pauses or uncertainty that disrupts the flow of the presentation, some topics not clearly conveyed	Issues in clarity of speech, or layout of presentation that made topic difficult to follow
Presentation	Information is clearly conveyed in a clear, practiced manner. Presentation is within time constraints.	Minor needs for clarification, or slightly outside of time constraints	Presentation was well outside of time restraints, or lacked flow and clarity in information being presented.	Presentation well shorter than needed, with most topics not covered

Topics Covered

Score:

Law Introduction	(Y/N)	_____
History of the Law	(Y/N)	_____
Provisions of the Law	(Y/N)	_____
Regulating Agencies	(Y/N)	_____
Additions to the Law	(Y/N)	_____
Related Court Cases	(Y/N)	_____
Effect and Criticism of the Law	(Y/N)	_____

_____ /28 Topics

_____ /10 General Presentation

_____ /2 Presentation Design/Professionalism

Composite Score _____ /40 ÷ 2 = Final Score _____ /20