Environmental systems and Societies

*Environmental Value Systems Survey and Essay*

Goal: You will be able to create a survey that will allow you to evaluate a person’s environmental value system. You will also take the survey yourself and evaluate your own environmental value system. Finally, you will compare and contrast your environmental value system with the “normal” student at Central and explain why your environmental values are similar and different.

**Directions:**

**Step one:** Create a set of 20 questions (by yourself) that you would use to determine where on the environmental value spectrum a person would fall. I suggest questions in groups of 5 (5 questions for each category).

**Step two:** In groups of **four** share your questions and refine the list from 80 questions (20 from each person), to 20 questions.

**Step three:** Each person gives the survey to 20 students (I will make copies for you).

**Step four:** Analyze data to see what the “normal” Central student believes (I will give you techniques for doing this).

**Step five:** Take survey and apply analysis to your answers.

**Step six:** Write 500ish word essay explaining the different value systems, (give an example) explain where the “normal” student is on the spectrum. Then compare that with where you fall on the spectrum. Finally, explain why you are the same or different from the “normal” Central student.

**When is it due?** September 12th, 2012

**How many points is it worth?** 30

**How will it be graded:**

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| Criteria for grading: | Good: 8-10 points | Fair: 4-7 points | Poor: 0-3 points |
| Did you explain the different types of environmental value systems? | You gave accurate and clear explanations for all four value systems. | You gave accurate and clear explanations for some of the value systems, but not all. | Your explanations were not accurate or clear. |
| Did you compare your score on the survey to the “normal” Central student? | You compared your scores, and explained how you analyzed the data.  | You compared your scores, but you did not explain how you analyzed the data. | You did not compare your scores and you did not explain how you analyzed the data. |
| Did you explain why your score was different from the “normal” Central student? | You clearly explained why you believe that to be the case. | You explained why you believe that to be the case, but it was not a clear argument. | You did not explain why you believe that to be the case. |

Please include your original 20 questions, and a copy of your revised survey with your essay.