

## **Introduction to Sustainability: Extra Credit Paper**

Value: Up to 10 points

Due date: Submit via email by the meeting time of our last class meeting

Assignment:

1. Watch a documentary (non-fiction) film about any topic related to sustainability OR read a fiction book that has a sustainability focus (*The Last Days of Ocean Beach*, *Forty Signs of Rain*, etc.) OR read one of the non-fiction books on the CRP (on the "Honors Info and Recommended Books" page)
2. Write a 4-6 page paper in which you do the following (ideally in this order):
  - a. Provide a simple and brief summary of the film or text's plot (aim to be brief, such as ½ page, more if it's a complex documentary or nonfiction book).
  - b. Discuss the different aspects of sustainability that the film or text addresses. This should be the bulk of your paper, so please discuss specific elements and issues that were raised (or even those that you feel were missing).
  - c. Review the film or text—what did you like and dislike about it? Please discuss it both as a scholar of sustainability (i.e. the quality of the science, systems approach, arguments made, etc.) and as a layperson (i.e. it was entertaining, it was offensive, etc.).
3. Your writing should be scholarly and free of errors in language usage, grammar, and punctuation. Follow the guidelines established in the syllabus and use proper MLA formatting throughout the paper.