

**Prepare a two page autobiography (single-spaced, 12-pt font, Arial or Times New Roman, 1-in. margins) describing the formative experiences and personal background that best explain your environmental values and any connection of these to religion and/or spirituality.**

**Elements of your story that you *might* choose to highlight include, but are not limited to:**

formative experiences in the outdoors  
experiences that connected you to or made you sensitive to nature  
environmental issues that concern you  
your religious background and/or beliefs  
your views of environmentalism  
your views of religion  
the influence of your parents, family, or friends in your religious or environmental experience  
the role of animals or pets in your life  
your involvement in agricultural or other outdoor/resource-based livelihoods  
any religious/spiritual experiences that have particularly impacted you, or that you connect with the environment or natural world  
any moral or ethical dilemmas you've wrestled with  
your sense of the status of planet earth's health  
your sense of responsibility for others or the earth  
any experiences of God's presence, the divine, or of spirituality generally that have shaped your view of reality  
any outdoor recreation experiences that have shaped your thinking about the natural world  
any religious teachings that have impacted you relative to the environment  
the influence of a mentor, teacher, book, movie, or class you've taken  
if nothing else, simply tell the story of how you came to think the way you do about the environment

**You do not need a title page, but be sure to include your name, the date, "ENR 3470" and any title for your autobiography at the top of page one without taking up more than two single-spaced lines. Grades will be given on a simple "check(+), check, check(-)" scale, the same as will be used for all weekly discussion section synopses, with this synopsis weighted to count twice the value of subsequent weekly synopses.**