

Final Examination
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Due at the Regularly Scheduled Exam

ESRM 301 Restoring and Maintaining Nature
In an Urban and Urbanizing World

You have written eight (or so) reading reports and a midterm examination essay in ESRM 301. Now you will assemble all of them into a single “book:” *A Compilation of Essays about Restoring and Maintaining Nature in an Urban and Urbanizing World*.

Your compilation will consist of a *Table of Contents* (you can put the essays in any order you wish so think about the reader and how you’d like to organize the information), a *Prolog* (you need to write this), the essays you have already written, and an *Epilog* (you need to write this too). As you begin to assemble the compilation and write the final two essays, be sure to contemplate a thesis or theme for the work and remember to consider the “big picture” organizational frameworks that we have discussed this week.

1. *Table of Contents*: Page one of the compilation that you will submit will be a Table of Contents. It must have your name and the title of the work (*A Compilation of Essays about Restoring and Maintaining Nature in an Urban and Urbanizing World*) at the top of the page. It must list each of the essays, including the *Prolog* and the *Epilog*.

2. *Prolog*: You need to write this. It should be about 1000 words long but not exceed 1150 words. Like your reading Reports and Midterm Examination essays it should lean heavily on the assigned readings, lectures and studios / field trips and should contain abundant and meaningful references to them (use CBE style). It should also refer to the essays (or at least some of them), perhaps using phrases like “you will read in the essay titled _____ that _____.” Remember, a prolog introduces the remainder of the work, sets a tone for the reader and perhaps establishes a thesis or recurring theme for the work.

3. The essays you have already written: These are the set of Reading Reports and the Midterm Examination essay that you have already written. You do not need to change any of them; just print them out again but this time make sure your name is on every single page. Print only on one side of each sheet. If you’d like to “edit,” “reformat” or even “rewrite” you may do so, but it won’t have much of an affect on your grade. The one change that might be worth making is to give each one a title that you like (to list in the table of contents and refer to in the prolog and possibly epilog).

4. *Epilog*: You need to write this. It should be about 300 words long but must not exceed 400 words. It too, should refer to specific essays in your compilation and, if appropriate, specific readings or lectures, etc. using the CBE style to cite the source of information and ideas that aren’t your own. The *Epilog* serves as your parting shot. It is the place where you can (again?) tell the reader what all the essays “add up to” but now it’s written to an audience who has read all the essays. If your epilog were to do only one thing it would answer the question, from someone who has read the compilation, “so what does all this mean?”

5. *Binding*: A large staple or a binder (paper) clip will be just fine.