

**Final Report, English Seminar (Cannon)**  
**January 2008**

Choose ONE of the assignments below and prepare a written report of at least 1000 words. Reports of less than 1000 words will not be accepted. A list of works consulted should be attached, and footnotes included in the text.

In January, the teacher will distribute more information about how to type the report and how to cite sources.

**Assignment Choice #1**

Select one topic regarding development and/or the environment and compare the situation in two or more countries in Asia.

Your final report may NOT be a collection of mini-essays about various countries. Instead, your report must have a SINGLE theme, and it must have an introduction and a conclusion that links all the smaller topics.

**Examples of Assignment Choice #1**

- Problems with water pollution in India and Bangladesh
- Cutting down trees in Indonesia and Malaysia and environmental problems that resulted
- Japanese companies' efforts to plant trees in China and Thailand
- Shift of people from rural areas to urban areas in Bangladesh and Mongolia
- Urban problems in China and India
- Overfishing in Korea and Japan, and the fishing industry's contribution to the economy

**Assignment Choice #2**

Select one country in Asia and write an overview of its development and/or its environmental challenges/successes.

Your report must have a SINGLE theme, and it must have an introduction and a conclusion that links all the smaller topics.

**Examples of Assignment Choice #2**

- Changes in Singapore's major industries over the last 40 years
- Development of the tourism industry on Thailand's beaches and environmental problems that resulted
- Water pollution in Bangladesh and efforts to get clean water
- Indonesia's logging industry, and its connection to the economy and to environmental problems
- Deforestation in China: Problems and successes

**Example of outline of final report (to be presented orally)**

The purpose of the outline of your report is for you to (1) think about a topic far in advance of the submission deadline, (2) get used to the vocabulary necessary to discuss the topic, and most importantly (3) get feedback from the teacher about the choice of topic.

Examples of an outline for the oral presentation is as follows:

**Example 1**

**Topic:** Shift of people from rural areas to urban areas in Country X and Country Y

**General outline:**

**Country X**

1. History of shift to cities (statistics on rate of shift)
2. Reasons for shift to cities
  - a. Land ownership issues (history, since colonial days)
  - b. Climate issues (rainfall, monsoons affect farms)
  - c. New industries in cities (jobs that pay in cash)

**Country Y**

1. History of shift to cities (statistics on rate of shift)
2. Reasons for shift to cities
  - a. Sudden lack of government money to help farmers
  - b. Changes in laws for owning animals

**Conclusion:** The reasons for the shift of people from rural areas to urban areas in Country X are different from the reasons for the shift in Country Y

**Example 2**

**Topic:** Deforestation in Country Z

**General outline:**

**Country Z**

1. History of forests in Country Z (statistics, etc.)
2. Reasons for deforestation
  - a. Need space for farmers (to feed families but also to sell things abroad)
  - b. People need wood for heat
3. Government's efforts to stop deforestation
4. Problems with government's efforts

**Conclusion:** Although Country Z is trying to stop deforestation, its efforts will probably not be successful.

### How to Submit Your Final Report

**Note:** You must receive a passing grade on this report to pass the class.  
(However, a passing grade on this assignment does not guarantee that you will pass the class.)

If you do not submit this report on time, if the report is off-topic, or if it does not follow the instructions given, you will not receive a passing grade on the report, and will therefore fail the class.

Students must do all work independently. Using the work of another person, including using translation software or asking someone to edit your essay (in part or in full), will result in automatic failure of the final report, and therefore failure of the course.

**Deadline:** By hard copy: Discuss with teacher one-on-one.  
By e-mail: **NO LATER THAN Sunday, January 27, 19:59 exactly** (based on time stamp of when the e-mail was RECEIVED by the teacher)

After the teacher has received your email, she will respond with an e-mail stating that the file has been received without difficulty. You must check your e-mail after sending the file and make sure that the teacher has replied to you. If you do not get a response within 12 hours of sending the file, CHECK THAT YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ALL DIRECTIONS EXACTLY and then resend your message.

**If you are late turning in the report for any reason, including because your software failed, your e-mail didn't work, etc., your report will not be accepted and you will fail the class. Therefore, students are strongly urged to submit their reports earlier than the deadline stated. The teacher will respond with an e-mail stating that the file was received successfully. Extensions to this deadline may be granted for reasons recognized by the department (death of a parent, admitted to the hospital, etc.) on a case-by-case basis.**

Submission format:

**Papers not following the format specified will not be accepted. Be certain to double-check your work to make sure that you have followed the correct format exactly.**

- (1) Word length: Minimum length 1,000 words in English; no maximum length. Note that the length is NOT "about 1,000 words." 1,000 words is the minimum length.
- (2) File type: You must send the file as a Microsoft Word (.doc) file OR as a PDF (Adobe Acrobat, .pdf) file. If you do not have access to this software, or if you do not know how to use this software, you must submit a hard copy instead. In that case, talk to the teacher privately.
- (3) Submission address: Files must be submitted to ***tara@ynu.ac.jp***

- (4) File name: The file name MUST be “学籍番号氏名.doc” or “学籍番号氏名.pdf”.  
If your file name is incorrect, the teacher will NOT download your file. The file name MUST be correct.

### EXAMPLE 3:

You use an article written in Japanese from the *Asahi Shimbun*. The title of the story is “中国の公害はやっぱひどい” by Hanako Tanaka. The story is dated April 1, 2001. You found it online on January 25, 2008. The URL of this story is <http://www.asahi.com/business/update/0115/NGY20080125999.html>

This article will look like this in your References list.

Tanaka, H. (2001, April 1). Chuugoku no kougai wa yappa hidoi [Chinese pollution is really terrible]. *Asahi Shimbun*. Retrieved January 25, 2008, from <http://www.asahi.com/business/20080125999.html>

When you list up all your references, you need to put them in alphabetical order, using the first word of each one. In this case, we have three:

Smith, J. (2005, October 10). Chinese Pollution. *The Japan Times*. Retrieved January 21, 2008, from <http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/012345.html>

Price of Coal in 2005. (n.d.). Retrieved January 19, 2008, from Government of China, Ministry of Finance web site: <http://www.mof.gov.cn/english/table/123.jpg>

Tanaka, H. (2001, April 1). Chuugoku no kougai wa yappa hidoi [Chinese pollution is really terrible]. *Asahi Shimbun*. Retrieved January 25, 2008, from <http://www.asahi.com/business/20080125999.html>

So, your final version will look like this, in alphabetical order, on a new page:

#### References

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## Extra Information

### **1. How to cite a book in the References:**

Suzuki, K. (2006). *Chugoku no Kougai to Pekin Orimpikku* [Pollution in China and the Beijing Olympics]. Tokyo: ALC Publishers.

### **2. Using footnotes inside the report:**

Let's use these as our references:

*Price of Coal in 2005*. (n.d.). Retrieved January 19, 2008, from Government of China, Ministry of Finance web site: <http://www.mof.gov.cn/english/table/123.jpg>

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You need to put footnotes into the report if the idea is not an original one. (Because you are writing a simple paper for a university class, *most* of your ideas are not original ideas. Instead, you will get your ideas from books and articles. So, don't be embarrassed about that. Just put in footnotes into your report. It shows that you did good research.)

2a. Generally the footnotes look like this:

(Smith, 2005) or (Tanaka, 2001)

For example,

It is often said that Chinese pollution is getting worse and worse. And, it appears that much of this pollution is coming from China into Japan (Smith, 2005).

Some people believe that as the price of coal in China increases, Chinese factories will use less and less of it (Tanaka, 2001). However, recent data show that the price of coal has risen by 10% in two years (*Price of Coal*, n.d.), but pollution is still increasing quickly.

2b. If you already mentioned where you got the idea, then just write the year:

John Smith talks about Chinese pollution and says that it is a very serious problem. Specifically, he says, "Pollution in China is one of the biggest challenges for Japan politically, economically, and health-wise" (2005).

2c. If it is a long quote (more than 2 lines), then you need to indent the entire quotation.

John Smith talks about Chinese pollution and says that it is a very serious problem in many ways. Specifically, he says,

Pollution in China is one of the biggest challenges for Japan politically, economically, and health-wise. The Japanese government is doing as much as it can to fight pollution from China, but actually it is limited in what it is able to do (2005).