One thing the book, *The Conundrum*, shows us is how frustrating it can be to lessen our negative impacts on the planet. We buy energy efficient products yet that may cause us to behave worse from a “green” standpoint. So what does this mean for you? Are you environmentally responsible? Are you killing polar bears?

I want a 4-5 page essay examining your own environmental impact. How does your life affect the Earth? What do your shopping habits and leisure activities do to the Earth’s climate and resources? Are you taking your fair share of resources or are you a bloated tick sucking the Earth dry? Your essay should be informed by *The Conundrum* (prove you read it), as well as at least four additional sources, at least one of which must be purely academic (peer-reviewed journal, academic book). Wikipedia and About.com do not count as sources. This is a personal essay, but it should be based in scientific fact to support your writing. The works you use must be cited properly.

I don’t care about the style you use to write this paper, as long as you use one. I don’t do MLA, but many of you do. Use what works for you. I mainly want to see 12-point font, double spaced, 1-inch margins, and the use of spell check. Make sure that the final product is legible and neat.

*This assignment is due Thursday, December 4, 2014.*