FRST 100: Forest Biome Sustainability Essay

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Sustainability Threats

Sustainable Development – development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- Brundtland Report 1987

- Students must ensure that the threats they discuss are actually 'sustainability threats' (linked to human development).

Sustainability Threats

- Urban development?

- Natural disasters (e.g. wind storms)?

- Harvesting of forest products?

- Climate change?

- Forest fires?

- Bug infestations?

Sustainability Threats

- 'Human Development' cannot be used as a sustainability threat, as this is the basis for all sustainability threats. Too broad!

- 'Natural occurrences' are not sustainability threats unless linked to humans (e.g. forest fires as a result of human induced climate change).

Writing Style

- All essays should clearly identify selected biome and discuss three sustainability threats.

- Essays should be clearly expressed in an academic English writing style.

- It is <u>highly recommended </u>that students visit the UBC writing centre to have essays proofread before submission!!

Referencing

- Students are expected to properly cite all of their sources according to APA (Harvard) referencing guidelines. Failure to do so will affect overall mark.

- The people at the UBC writing centre will be able to help with referencing if needed.

- http://libweb.anglia.ac.uk/referencing/harvard.htm
- http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/library/citations/apa.html

First Submission

- First submission will be given 2 marks.

  i.   All students will receive a grade of at least 7 for submitting the first draft.

  ii. A second mark will also be given. This will be a grade out of 100 that assesses overall quality of the essay draft. Students who score low here must ensure that they make significant improvements to their draft before final submission to avoid receiving a low grade.

Second Submission

- Students are expected to fully address the comments on their essay drafts. Failure to do so will result in a poor final essay grade.

Second Submission

- The second (final) essay submission will be graded using the following scale:

Introduction	10%
Identification & Discussion of 3 threats	45%
Conclusion	10%
Grammar	15%
Spelling	10%
Referencing	10%
Total	100%