

BIS300A Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies: Water Spring 2006

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Informal Response Assignment #2

The purpose of this writing assignment is to *individually* reflect upon viewpoints expressed in the Cadillac Desert (part 2) video we viewed in class. It is not intended that any additional research would be done.

Preliminary Work: After viewing the video above, you may want to read the paper by Brower and the one by Marston, which also pertain to this overall theme being addressed.

Topic or thesis: In the movie several different viewpoints about nature were expressed. Consider those of: Floyd Dominy, the legendary Bureau of Reclamation Director; the man who is the manager of Hoover Dam; David Brower, the former Executive Director of the Sierra Club, and the Hopi leader who was leading a tour group through the Hopi's traditional lands in Arizona. Compare and contrast the different *philosophical* points of view expressed about *nature*. *This is to focus on the philosophical view of nature of these various parties.*

Development: As introduction, identify the broad themes held by these parties that you are going to compare and contrast. Indicate what will be the fundamental theme of this comparison. Discuss the viewpoints of these individuals, be sure to cite as best you can from memory and your notes what they said in the video. If you want to review the video, it is available in the Library and at some video stores (e.g. Scarecrow). Make a conclusion that ties the points together and makes sure that I understand the most important points in your discussion. *Remember to focus on the philosophical views of nature expressed by these individuals.*

Style: This is formal writing and should be an example of good grammar, correct spelling, effective word choice, and articulate sentence and paragraph structure.

Length: No more than 500 words max (approx two pages, double spaced, one inch margins, 12-pt font). *These formats are to be observed!*

Bibliography: A list of endnotes should appear at the end of your paper. Each source discussed should appear there only once. Nothing should appear in the list that is not referenced in the text. If you refer to the same source more than once, cross reference the previous endnote rather than entering the same source twice in the bibliography. Use either the Name-Year or Citation-Sequence system of endnotes, described in the CBE style references.

Schedule: The assignment is due electronically before 6:00 AM on April 21. No late submissions will be accepted.