

Blog Assignment 1

“Primer” for Urban Sustainability Paper & Video Project

By now, you have identified a topic of interest in the urban sustainable arena, spent some time searching for relevant articles and references on the topic, and perhaps even refined your topic based on that initial research. It's now time to make your first impression. A key component to writing your paper is producing an introduction section (this is not an abstract) to your paper, which is what makes the reader want to continue reading your paper. The introduction also serves as a “roadmap” for your paper, giving the reader insight into how the paper will be organized and the major points you will cover in the paper.

A good introduction attracts the attention of the reader and this can be done in several ways, whether it is surprising statistic, interesting quote, question that makes the reader think about the topic, or another “attention-grabber.” The introduction should also include a transition to some relevant background on the purpose/thesis/main point of your paper. This part of the introduction leads the reader from your “attention-grabber” to the specific area you will be discussing in your paper, and helps them understand the content you will be presenting in your paper. The last part of your introduction should be the overall point you want to make in the paper.

For this blog assignment, write the introduction section of your paper utilizing the research you have done thus far. Feel free to use the suggestions noted above on how to construct the introduction of your paper. Make sure to cite sources/references. The entire blog should be **no longer than 500 words** (not including references.) *To post your blog, click on the "Create Thread" button. To comment on your classmates' blogs, click on **reply** at the bottom of their post.*

BLOGS Due 10 PM on Friday of Week Assigned

COMMENTING ON BLOG 1 due by 10 PM Friday of the following week (NOTE – 2 comments are minimum)

Instructions:

1. Post only one blog per person or group. One person from the group should post on behalf of the group and note all group member's WordPress ID's at the very top of the content.
2. Title of the blog should be a relevant title to your topic. DO NOT use the words “BLOG” in the title. Use the settings options under “Categories & Tags” to select Blog 1.
3. Use the settings options under “More Options” to check the box for “Allow comments.”
4. If applicable, use the reading material from class posted on the us130urbansustainability website.
5. Cite at least 5-10 references/resources that you used to develop your blog.
6. **Always** cite your sources (even data and images that you use.) Consider including photos, diagrams, external links, etc.
7. Provide useful and thoughtfully crafted comments on your classmates' blogs. Use resources and references to support your comments.
8. **NOTE: Post a minimum of 2 comments to two different classmates' blog posts during the week following the blog posting due date. Think critically about your classmates' posts, find resources/references that support your comments, and post your comments in between the scheduled dates only.**

Additional Notes:

- You cannot change the post after the deadline for posting. Any changes you would like to make to your post after the posting deadline can be done by commenting on your own post after you have posted it.
- Do not use any derogatory language and be respectful of each other's work.
- Your comments on each other's posts should provide additional insight into the material posted, present questions or thoughts for consideration, render new ideas, and other critical thoughts on the topic.
- Consider that all posts must be commented on. If you see that a post already has a lot of comments, choose another to comment on so they are evenly distributed.