

ASSIGNMENT ONE:

FEMINISM AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEORY

DUE: 9 November 2020 via Moodle

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Choose one prompt on which to write. This response paper should answer the proposed question in a way that demonstrates significant engagement with and critical reflection on course readings. **A good reflection paper will engage with many course readings and/or multiple chapters from the same author.** Be sure to have a clear thesis statement and proper citations (lectures too must be cited). ***Citations for ALL sources must be (Author's Last Name, page number).*** Citations are not just quotes but any time you summarize and/or use information from a reading. **Outside resources and research are not permitted.**

The format is as follows: 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced and **700** words. Include the word-count at the bottom of the page. A paper 50 words over or under the word-count and/or without citations will not be accepted. (Citations are not part of the word-count.)

PROMPT OPTIONS (Choose one.):

1. Why is religion such a concern for ecofeminists?
2. Define affinity and social/ist ecofeminism as explained by Mellor.
3. Define social/ist ecofeminism and the South Perspective as explained by Mellor.
4. Why is ecofeminism critical of both feminism and the green movement?
5. What role should women play in solving the ecological crisis? (One may go up to 800 words for this prompt without penalty. Be sure to include a discussion of ecofeminist epistemology in your answer.)

COURSE READINGS:

(REMEMBER: USE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO SHOW THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD WELL.)

Mellor, *Feminism and Ecology*. Chapters 1-6.

Catriona Sandilands, "A Genealogy of Ecofeminism."

Ivy Helman, "The Importance of Religion for Ecofeminism."

Rosemary Radford Ruether, "Dualism and the Nature of Evil in Feminist Theology."