

HONORS COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Summer Reading Assignment 2010

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During the summer you are to read “A Walk in the Woods” by Bill Bryson. (It is out in paperback and has a picture of a bear and trees on the cover.) It is a very entertaining book, with humorous anecdotes relating to his walk along the Appalachian Trail. He also provides some interesting descriptions of the natural environment that he encounters along the way. After reading the book, you will be expected to do two things:

1. Before the first day of class you should submit by email a short essay, 3-4 pages in length. The first half should be a synopsis of a section of the book that you found particularly interesting and explain why you found it of interest. The second half of the paper should be a description of your most favorite time spent “in the woods” so to speak. It could be a camping trip, hike, canoeing, etc. Explain how and why the experience had an impact on you. Your paper will be graded and you will be expected to make a presentation of your essay during the first week of classes. When you finish your paper during the summer, you can email it to me at dgoodwin@christchutchschool.org Please type your paper using Microsoft Word, Ariel 12 point font, one and a half line spaced, and one inch margins.
2. You will take a test on the book during the first week of school in the fall. The focus will be on the environmental facts rather than the humor! Remember to plan not cram!

This class is a college-level dual-enrollment course and involves regular reading and writing assignments. This summer reading is good practice for you! Good luck! Enjoy the book! It really is a fun read as well as opportunity to learn about the environment! Have a good summer!