

NRC Week 7 – Soil, Agriculture and our Food System

Content = *Reading – Graveyard of Empires*

No quiz this week, mixing it up - This week write an essay that blends our weekly content sources together in a logical yet creative way. The essay should work to address the starter questions for this week:

1. Why are the best soils on Earth being used to grow only two crops?
2. What is the difference between food and food products? Why do food products dominate the grocery store shelves?
3. How should land be valued?
4. How will climate change impact soil, agriculture and our food system?
5. Do we need to change course? If yes, How?

I am not looking for you to address these questions verbatim. I am hoping you address the questions in a creative essay that blends you think are the most important aspects of each content source. Also, are there any previously discussed weekly themes that should be included in this essay? I am guessing this will be about 2 to 3 pages long.

Rubric

A. Creativity in writing – title, theme and writing style	5pts
B. Content – Effective inclusion Soil, Agriculture and Food System content	10 pts
C. Inclusion of pertinent pervious course content	5 pts
D. Clear concise writing (grammar and effective communication)	5 pts
<u>This should be posted to blackboard before your class on Friday</u>	25 pts