

CGR4M0 Grade 12 Environmental and Resource Management  
**Independent Study**

For the independent study, you will have a choice between 2 options:

- 1) Building an environmental database of how and where to locate information about environmental and resource management issues  
  
or ...
- 2) Writing an essay about what you think is/are the major causes of environmental problems in general.

### **The Environmental Database**

For this choice, you will provide at least seven pages of the following sources of information. Every entry must be accompanied by an annotation consisting of a minimum of one sentence description of the resource.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Page**

A list of internet websites that provide information on the environment in general. You must have at least one site dealing with each of the 4 course units.

**Be sure to include a correct web address. (10 sites minimum)**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Page**

A list of journals, periodicals, magazines.

**Be sure to include the ISBN numbers. (10 sites minimum)**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Page**

A List of media sources (television programs, movies, videos, software) that promote environmental management on some level (personal, corporate, industrial)

**(10 titles minimum)**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Page**

A list of popular music pertaining to the environment.

**Be sure to include the artist and the song title. (10 songs minimum)**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Page**

Make a list of book titles. They must be books that provide a personalized account or a story based on nature or the environment in general.

**Be sure to include a call number or bibliography. (10 titles minimum)**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Page**

Make a list of organizations, services, or agencies that are involved in or deal directly with environmental issues on the local, regional, national or international level.

**Be sure to include contact information. (5 organizations minimum)**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Page**

List of articles from the local newspapers (Cornwall, Ottawa, Montreal) focusing on environmental issues of local concern.

**Be sure to include the name of the paper, page number, and date of the article.  
(10 articles minimum)**

### **Causes of Environmental Problems Essay**

Write an essay that outlines *your* opinion regarding environmental issues. What do you think are the major causes of environmental problems locally, nationally and internationally? What do you think is the best way to respond to these problems? Are there some good examples of responses to problems? (Are there some bad examples?) Do all environmental problems have solutions?

Your essay will be between 8 and 10 pages (1.5 – 2.0 spaced, 11 or 12 font) which may include a maximum of 1 page of graphics (maps, graphs, images) in total.

At the end of your essay, please include a bibliography that cites at least 10 different sources for the information that you found to help back up your opinion.