

Short Assignment #3:

Environmental Crisis in the Media - Hurricanes on the Net

- 1) Go to the "Hurricane Tracker" (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/7845030/>)
- 2) Identify all 2004 and 2005 hurricanes that hit the US and list them;
- 3) Among the ones you have identified, single out the one that developed the highest maximum sustained wind;
- 4) Take a closer look at "Jeanne". Given such unpredictability, what could be done to better coordinate hurricane preparedness? Summarize your thoughts in one paragraph (5 lines);
- 5) Do you think there is a connection between global climate change and the intensity of this year's hurricane season? Explain your argument in one paragraph (5 lines).
- 6) We know that New Orleans was hit hard by Katrina. Clearly less people talk about Katrina's impact on the Mississippi estuary ecosystem. The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program is listed in our text book as a successful example for ecologically sustainable development. Search the internet, journals, or other media to find out to which extent Katrina damaged the estuary program and what has been undertaken since the end of August. Summarize your results in one paragraph (5-10 lines) and attach the source of your information to the assignment.

Please type up your answers (11-12 font). The assignment is due on November 17th (or, if you need more time, on November 29th). Enjoy!