

FINAL STORY IDEA FOR BASIC REPORTING STUDENTS (JOU 1100): EARTH CHARTER

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society for the 21st Century. The Charter is not only a call to action, but a motivating force inspiring change the world over.

The meaning and intent of the Earth Charter are considered significant from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Earth Charter can guide the development of new curriculum, and familiarity with this document can help prepare students for success as global citizens.

Miami Dade Learning Outcomes assessed: 5) Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives; 6) Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic and social responsibilities; 7) Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society; 10) Describe how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans on the environment.

SOURCES: Peter Blaze Corcoran & James Wohlpart, editors of "A Voice for Earth: American Writers Respond to the Earth Charter"
(A copy of the book will be available for students choosing this final story assignment.);

Elisabeth Ferrero, author of "The Earth Charter: A Study Book of Reflection for Action";

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