

The Precautionary Principle

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Required Reading:

Daniel A. Lashof's "Earth's Last Gasp?"

Edward Abbey's "Arivaipa Canyon"

Annie Dillard's "The Deer at Providencia"

A. In class, discuss the following:

1. What is the "Precautionary Principle?"
2. Thomas Berry's Ten Principles for Jurisprudence Revision.

B. In a short expository composition address the following two considerations and prepare to discuss them in class:

1. Explain how Arivaipa Canyon is worthy of special protection on the basis of the precautionary principle.
2. Explain how the deer at Providencia is worthy of special protection on the basis of the principles for jurisprudence revision.

C. Select a local environmental issue or a local environmentally-sensitive area and in a short composition explain how both the precautionary principle and selected principles for jurisprudence would apply to that issue or in that setting.