

Nonprofit Environmental Organization Research Project

Student checklist

- _____ 1. Choose a nonprofit environmental organization
- _____ 2. Research the organization.
- _____ 3. Write a three to four page paper answering the required questions in detail.
- _____ 4. Create a visual aid for your presentation.
- _____ 5. Prepare your presentation.

Presentation Due Date: _____

1. Choose a nonprofit environmental organization.

- Review the different environmental issues and come to an agreement on which environmental issue and nonprofit organization to research.
- Search for "list of environmental nonprofits" to see a variety. You may choose a local, national, or international organization. Be sure it is a nonprofit and not a .gov or .com organization.
- Once your group has chosen an organization, meet with your teacher to confirm the choice. Each group should research a different organization.

2. Research the organization.

- Your most efficient resource for the majority of the environmental organizations is the Internet.
- Go directly to the organization's website for information.
- Read reviews and articles about their work.
- Go to www.guidestar.org to read about their financial information and size.

3. Write a three to four page paper answering the required questions in detail.

In a well organized and neatly written three to four page paper, describe your environmental organization. You must answer the following questions in order to receive full credit for your paper. (Hint: Use the questions as sections in your paper.)

- What is the mission and/or goal of the organization?



- Do the goals of this organization meet a need in society today? Why or why not?
- What is the history of the organization: when was it founded? Where? By whom? Why was it started?
- What are some of the accomplishments of the organization over the years? What are its future goals?
- What kind of membership does it have: How many members? What type of people support the group and why? · What is the budget of the organization? (This can be found on the websites of many organizations or go to www.guidestar.org)
- What amount of their budget is brought in by donations?
- What percentage of their money goes directly to the goals of organization (after administrative costs)?
- Based on the information your group found, would your group members support this organization if you had the economic means or time to volunteer? Why or why not?

4. Create a visual aid for presentation.

Create a visual aid (infographic, poster, slide show, etc.) to use with your presentation that communicates the goals of your organization and highlights key information.

5. Prepare your presentation.

Prepare your 10-minute presentation. Each person in the group should be an active participant in the research, writing, and presentation. Your presentation should be engaging, and students listening should be able to easily take notes on the information presented.

At any time while preparing for this paper and presentation, if something is unclear, make sure you speak to your teacher for clarification or help in finding the information.

