



Welcome to APES!

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Textbook: Friedland, A., and R. Relyea. 2012. *Environmental Science for AP**. W.H. Freeman and Company/BFW.

Congratulations on accepting the challenge of AP Environmental Science! We are going to have a great year in an amazing course! Do you like learning about the environment and related issues? Do you want to make a positive impact in the world? Do you like to spend time outside? Are you willing to work hard and put in the time to learn and understand the material? Yes!? Then you are in the right place!

There are 6 Main Topic Areas that we will be focusing on:

- Earth Systems and Resources
- The Living World
- Population
- Land and Water Use
- Energy Resources and Consumption
- Pollution
- Global Change



We have a lot to cover before the exam on May 14, 2021. As a result of the vast amount of material which must be mastered between now and then, it is imperative that you keep up with the work. There will be a large volume of homework and independent assignments that must be completed outside of class. All reading and note taking will be done at home to allow for more time for activities and discussions in school. We will utilize Microsoft Teams for assignments and sharing class related documents, presentations and videos. Power points will be posted on Teams in advance so that you may take notes ahead of the discussions on those topics. There will be practice questions assigned on AP Classroom. (More information on access will be given in September.) It is recommended that you keep up with environmental current events, as they may show up on the exam. My most successful students have told me that they

regularly discussed environmental issues with family members and/or friends. It's a great way to stay informed and to reinforce what you are learning in class!

Class website: wattonearth.weebly.com There are many short videos posted on this site; organized into the 6 Main Topics listed above. It's a great place to review and supplement the curriculum.

Grading Policy: Total points: All points will be averaged together. Categories are not weighted. Grades will be posted on Infinite Campus.

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Remind: Please make sure to sign up for Remind. It is the best way for me to make class announcements, i.e. reminder if we will be going outside, or assignments should I be absent. You can also message me directly through the app if you have any questions.

Tell people to text @wattapes to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @wattapes to (561) 600-9446.

