

## English 121 E

### Chapter Proposal

#### Where are we headed?

For your final project this quarter you are going to write a chapter of our Pressbook either individually, with a partner, or in a group. The goal of this project is to introduce a general Seattle audience to the role of northwest forests in the climate justice movement. It is also designed such that it can be a resource for groups in Seattle already doing this work. This means our Pressbooks should focus on being *informative* first and foremost, rather than exploratory or argumentative.

Soon, we will consider as a class what chapter topics have been proposed, if we think there are any gaps that need to be addressed, and whether people are interested in collaborating on particular chapters. This will help the Pressbook feel cohesive. For now, I would like each of you to develop your own proposal for a chapter or topic to be included in the Pressbook. This should build from the research you did during your completion of the annotated bibliography. That said, it is fine to shift topics if you did not find your research compelling.

#### The Task:

Your proposal needs to cover the following things. There are no formatting requirements for this proposal, but you should write at least 750 words:

1. Write a description of the topic that you would like to cover. Remember, your chapter is going to be a piece of a larger whole, so make sure you are narrowing in on something specific about forestry and the climate justice movement. In this description, please explain (1) what you already know or believe about the topic and (2) what you still have to learn, consider, or research. It is great to draw on previous knowledge or work from other classes here, but please make sure you are choosing a topic you genuinely think would be interesting to learn more about.
2. Explain the stakes of this chapter. Why do you think this is an important issue or topic to understand? In this portion, consider the rhetorical situation of our Pressbook. Why might this be important for groups in Seattle who are working toward climate justice?
3. What sources do you plan on using to define and develop your discussion of this topic? Since you haven't done all your research yet, this can be fairly preliminary. But please name which of the readings from the class and/or your annotated bibliography you will use and what other research you plan to conduct in addition.
4. Finally, tell me a little about your ideas for the chapter. Do you want to include a multimedia element, images, videos, personal narratives, or interviews? None of this is required, but I do want to encourage you to be creative if you'd like!