

English 121 E

The Chapter

Description of Task:

Our Pressbook is designed as an educational ebook about Pacific Northwest forests and the issues related to climate change and forestry. This project comes out of a request made by 350 *Seattle* for an educational resource on this topic. The goal of this project is two-fold: (1) to introduce a general Seattle audience to the role of northwest forests in the climate justice movement; (2) it is also designed such that it can be a resource for groups in Seattle already doing this work to use. This means our Pressbook should focus on being *informative* first and foremost, rather than exploratory or argumentative.

One way to think about your chapter is this: You have identified a topic that is of interest to you and which you think is important to the broader book more generally. You have also gone through the process of researching this topic. While you are by no means an expert on this topic after just a few weeks of research, you likely know more about it than an average reader. Your job in this chapter is to report back to a general audience what you have learned. You do not need to make an argument or central claim in your chapter, but you do need to make decisions about how best to organize and present what you've learned.

Here are the more specific requirements and expectations for your Pressbook Chapter:

- Chapters should be **at least 1,200 words** (they can be shorter depending on the content or if you are collaborating -- let me know if you have questions! We can sort this out on a case-by-case basis).
- Each chapter should focus on a specific topic relating to PNW forests and forestry. While your topic of interest might have started broad, allow yourself to focus in on particulars as you go throughout the research process. If your topic is too capacious to cover in 1,200 words, then you need to narrow it down somehow. It is better to be detailed and thorough on a more specific topic, than to be overly broad and general on a larger topic.
- Once they are finished, chapters should draw on research from **at least 4 reliable sources** (one of which should be scholarly).
- Cite generously! You must **include citations** every time you quote from another source or paraphrase what another author has said. To build citations in our Pressbook:
 - Insert a footnote after the information that needs a citation.
 - Paste the entire MLA citation of the source in the footnote.
 - Add all your MLA citations to our "Works Cited" page in alphabetical order

- Wherever possible, make connections between your chapter and other chapters in the Pressbook. Aim to build in at least two links that bring readers to another chapter in our Pressbook.
- When composing your chapter, keep in mind the context of this research. The organization *350 Seattle* has requested that we do research on forestry in the PNW that might be helpful to climate justice organizations.
- When including an image or video, be certain that what you are including is available for sharing (either because it is in the public domain or has a creative commons license). For more information, see “Find Images & Media for your Chapter” on our Canvas page. If you include a piece of media, make sure you also fill out the following:
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