

## Extra Credit\* Project

\* Extra Credit means above and beyond standard assignments. It also means that you don't have to do it. If you decide to do the assignment please decide first to do an excellent job. If the grade you receive would lower your quarter grade it will be discarded. That means your course grade will not be affected but you will get no extra credit for the work you have done.

Plagiarism: Look it up. Be sure you understand the meaning. If you include language, graphs, photos, or other material in your report that I suspect is not your own and which shows no documentation I will make every effort to locate the source. If I can demonstrate that it was plagiarized your grade will be zero and it will count. Please remember that the same technology that makes it easy for you to locate resource material makes it just as easy for me. I take this very seriously. You should as well. Play it safe. Document (footnote) whenever necessary.

**The project:** Write a report about 'Long Island Groundwater'. Provide thorough answers to the following questions:

- 1) How does L.I. obtain it's potable water? Include a discussion of L.I. geology.
- 2) Discuss supply, water reserves, replenishment.
- 3) Sources of groundwater pollution.
- 4) Salt water intrusion.
- 5) What is being done to clean/protect our water. Discuss economic costs, legislation, etc.
- 6) What are the consequences of failing to protect and conserve our water supply?
- 7) Include a bibliography

**Resources:** I have included several 'get you started' articles which can be found on my website. Use them. Quote them. Cite them. Don't limit your research to these. This process will take time. Don't wait until the last minute.

FAQ's

- 1) Q - How long does it have to be? *A - Long enough to be excellent.*
- 2) Q - When is it due? *A - Get a due date from your teacher.*
- 3) Q - What if it's late? *A - It won't be accepted.*
- 4) Q - Can I use the articles on your website? *A - Sure. Just cite them. Don't plagiarize.*
- 5) Q - How many sources must I use? *A - As many as it takes to do an excellent job.*
- 6) Q - What if I have a problem? *A - Contact me ASAP. Don't wait until the last minute.*
- 7) Q - What if I don't think it's very good. *A - Don't hand it in.*
- 8) Q - Can I get help along the way? *A - Any time. Any day. Just ask if you're uncertain about anything!*
- 9) Q - Do spelling and grammar count? *A - Yes. Check and correct your spelling with your word processor. Ask someone you know to proof read your paper for grammatical errors and poorly phrased ideas. Take pride in what you do.*