Only Relevant for Those Who Choose the Research Option

Research Option Prep. Assignment, Due April 2nd

In preparation for the final assignment, you should complete a 1.75-2.5 page double-spaced document. It shouldn’t have much of a header or much space at the top of the page. You should not start a new page after finishing the first part, and there need only be a little space between them.

Complete Both Parts:

I. You must provide a complete bibliography you intend to use for your research paper, listing your sources both from the course and from your external research. This bibliography must include at least 2 articles, not assigned in the course. Both of the articles must come from peer-reviewed, academic journals, and neither may be a book-review or a short “reply to” another theorist. One of the articles must come from a peer-reviewed philosophy journal. The bibliography must also include at least 1 article that has been assigned in the course. All of the articles should be relevant to each other.

II. For the final assignment of the course (not this prep. assignment), you must defend a philosophical claim of your choosing that is relevant to Environmental Philosophy. For this prep. assignment, all you must do is write a page or two, describing the claim you hope to defend and how the articles you have selected relate to it. In this prep. assignment, you should also select and write about at least one argument discussed by the articles you found in your external research. It must be an argument that we have not explicitly discussed in the course. You must provide the argument in your own words. Please paraphrase the articles, and do not quote them extensively. Do cite specific page numbers where the argument can be found. You must be clear about the valid structure of the argument, what its distinct premises are, and why they demand the argument’s conclusion.