“Water Wars”

After you have finished reading the novel, *The Water Wars* by Cameron Stracher, an essay between 450 – 900 words is due by: __________. Please be sure that your paper is typed and double-spaced using 12 point font. Email your papers as an attachment to your professor at gpeterso@mdc.edu no later than 11:59 pm of the due date.

In your essay please answer any 3 or 4 of the following questions:

1. Which character from the book, *The Water Wars*, could you relate to the most and why?
2. How did the novel make you feel about living in a dry world? Support with example(s) from the book
3. The plot of the novel, *The Water Wars*, is built around the premise that the Earth no longer has fresh potable water to drink, cook, bathe, or irrigate crops. Water has become a commodity even more precious than gold.

How could this premise really happen in our lifetime?

4. Futurists predict that the wars of today are being fought over oil and terrorism, but the wars of tomorrow will be fought over water. In your opinion, Explain how this could happen. Support your position with at least one example from the novel.

5. From what you’ve learned recently from our immersion program to Everglades National Park, how important is water to the people living, working and visiting South Florida? What would happen to South Florida if our potable water supply almost disappeared?

Presentation on Water Issues using Online Resources –

2. Huffington Post article on “These 11 Cities may Completely Run Out of Water Sooner than You Think” to look at the water problems on a national level. (Have students take turns reading the short caption under each city.)
4. If time, PowerPoint from Robert Brinkman at USF Dept. of Geography “Groundwater Issues in Florida” It presents problems with water in Florida and gives some solutions.

Conclude with short written assignment – separate Handout