

Berlin High School

AP Environmental Science Summer

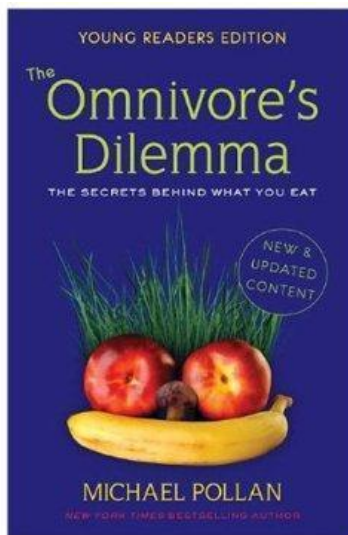
Reading Notice

May 23, 2024

You are registered to take AP Environmental Science at BHS. Please see Mr Hanna to obtain your summer reading materials before you leave for summer break. I look forward to seeing you soon.

In addition personal Tablet versions of the text may be obtained at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Book Title: Omnivore's Dilemma_ Young readers edition. ISBN 978-0-8037-3415-9 (HC) Author: Michael Pollan__Adapted by Richie Chevat Publisher: The Penguin Group NY, NY Copyright Date: 2009



Introduction;

You will find that the topics presented in the Omnivore's Dilemma are prevalent throughout our Environmental Science text in all four quarters. My hope is that the reading will help you become introspective about the decisions that we all make each day as we make choices about the food we eat. Personally the text encouraged me to join the "Urban Homestead" community in New Britain where I live. Surrounded by 73,000 people I grow food twelve months of the year and have a small flock of chickens. In addition the text fostered my interest to serve on the board of a nonprofit organic farm called Urban Oaks located within the city limits. Last, it motivated me to export the sustainable growing concepts by starting up two community gardens. May you find the text equally enjoyable.



New Britain farmers using nutrient dense techniques to produce exceptional examples of organic Swiss chard.

The Assignment;

Please read the Omnivore's Dilemma and take personal notes on the text that would allow you to prepare for group discussion, an open essay on an exam, or an in class open notes essay response. Most students use sticky notes to denote points of interest throughout the text. In the third week of September, your typed up notes are to be turned into Turn It In for five points as a homework assignment. (Rubric Following). I will be providing class time to set you up with the digital version of your Environmental Science textbook and Turn It In account. However if you would like to request your Turn It In information early, I may be reached at mhanna@berlinschools.org

Omnivore's Dilemma Grading Description

Score	0	1	2	3	4	5
Omnivore's Dilemma Grading Description	Omitted	Rough outline of Chapters	Rough outline of chapters with a few personal notes	Outline of Chapters with some specific quotes for use in class discussions and on class assessments	Detailed outline with numerous specific text quotes coded for use in class discussions and on class assessments. A sticky noted text or hard copy of notes submitted to the instructor	Detailed outline with numerous specific text quotes coded for use in class discussions and on class assessments. A sticky noted text or hard copy of notes submitted to the instructor. Evidence of student asking questions about the text as they progress through the reading.