

Econ 231-01
Environmental Economics
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Article Summaries

For 10 of the 14 assigned articles and other non-textbook readings indicated with an asterisk (*) on the syllabus, write a summary using the following questions as a guideline. These summaries should be less than 600 words in length.

Please hand in each summary in the body of the email, before the beginning of class. Please put the summary number in the subject line of the email (e.g. “Summary 2” for your second summary). They will be graded on a check/no-check basis and count toward 10 percent of the final grade.

These summaries will help you contribute to discussion of articles and will provide a study-resource with which to prepare for exams.

Author(s):

Title:

Original Journal Name, Volume, Date (or other source information):

1. What is the nature of this paper? What argument does it make, question does it ask, hypothesis does it test, or literature does it summarize?
2. What are the paper’s main findings? If the paper reports statistical results, you should include the central numerical findings here (e.g. Hanson *et al.* find that use of tradable permits reduced sulfur dioxide emissions by 50 percent, at less than a quarter of the costs of obtaining the same reduction using a command-and-control policy).
3. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the paper.
4. List questions, if any, that you have about the paper. Be sure to clarify questions not answered in class by visiting me during office hours.