

If you click on your name on the course website you will link to a PDF version of a particular paper. (I tried to pick a recent one that would be somewhat relevant to your interests. If I'm completely off please let me know!)

Your assignment is to:

1) read the paper assigned to you. They are linked to each of your names. For your own paper, read it carefully, *plus any others to which it refers that are relevant to the interpretation*. Also go over the other assigned papers (just read them so we can have a discussion in class).

2) For your paper, write a  $\sim 2-3$  page (double spaced) technical summary report of the paper including the following points:

- background of the issue
- an outline of the problem
- research methodology
- results and conclusions
- a paragraph or so critiquing the paper as if you were a reviewer; was it good, was it not, what might have improved it, etc.

3) Write a one half page (maximum), single spaced summary of your paper for a **non-specialist**. **In other words, write this summary in journalistic style.**

4) In class, each person will be given up to 10-15 minutes (maximum) to present a BRIEF verbal overview of their paper and to answer any questions. I don't want you to simply read your report but you may refer to it. This is not a formal presentation but if you'd like to have a few slides for visual aids we can use the computer in class.