**ESSAY ASSIGNMENT – TOPICS 30S**

**Are Humans an Invasive Species?**

**Definition of an invasive species.**

***Invasive species****, also called* ***introduced species, alien species,*** *or* ***exotic species****, can be defined as any non-native* [*species*](https://www.britannica.com/science/species-taxon) *that significantly modifies or disrupts the* [*ecosystems*](https://www.britannica.com/science/ecosystem) *it colonizes.*

*Such species may arrive in new areas through natural* [*migration*](https://www.britannica.com/science/migration-animal)*, but they are often introduced by the activities of other species.*

**Your task**

Using the definition above and your knowledge of invasive species, write an opinion piece essay that answers the question: Are humans an invasive species?

**Timeline**

You will be given a partial class to work on your graphic organizer plus one class in the computer lab to type out your final copy. Your essay is due on Thursday, Jan 11 at the beginning of class.

**Format**

You are required to write a total of 5 paragraphs. An introduction (with a thesis), 3 body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use the attached graphic organizer to set up your essay and arguments.

**Marking Rubric**

Your essay will be marked using a rubric worth 5 marks per paragraph plus an additional 5 marks for completeing your graphic organizer, making the essay worth a total of 30 marks.

**Resources**

Use the attached ‘Formal ELA Essay Tips’document to help with your writing and formatting. You should also be using your lesson 6 notes to ensure that your information is accurate. Remember that this is still a scientific essay so you need accurate and proven information to justify your arguments!