

AOS/NIES 171 Spring 2025 Prof. Hitchman  
Writing Assignment #2 10 points  
Biodiversity

First Draft Due Tuesday, March 18

Revised Paper Due Tuesday, April 8

(Upload both your first draft and final draft to canvas under Writing Assignment 2.)

Please read the following three articles from our course website [www.aos.wisc.edu/~aos171](http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~aos171) under assignments and study guides, which are selected chapters from the book

*Biodiversity* (1988), Edited by E. O. Wilson, National Academy Press, Washington D.C.:

- a) "The Current State of Biological Diversity", E. O. Wilson, pp. 3-18
- b) "A Christian View of Biodiversity", J. B. Cobb, Jr., pp. 481-485
- c) "The Earth as a Living Organism", J. E. Lovelock, pp. 486-489

Write a 4-5-page response paper, including the following components:

- 1) a title appropriate to your theme,
- 2) an opening paragraph which includes a clear description of the organization and intent,
- 3) a description of each of the three authors' main ideas,
- 4) your opinion about the relative merits of Wilson's, Cobb's and Lovelock's views,
- 5) your opinion about the relevance and status of biodiversity.