

Environmental Science, Mr. Duncheskie

Summer Assignment: *Close to Shore – The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916* By Michael Capuzzo

In Environmental Science, we come to learn about the interrelationships between living things in nature, but most importantly the role of humans in this complex web of living organisms. Sometimes humans and nature coexist in perfect harmony and we can be seen as protectors of our environment. Other times, humans can have an enormously harmful impact on our living world and can be seen as destroyers and rabid consumers.

In 1916, at a time of polio outbreaks in Philadelphia and New York City and a heat wave that gripped the East Coast, people flocked to the shore for relief and relaxation. From here the stage was set for a collision course between human beings and nature's top predator in the vast oceans. This summer changed our perception of the oceans and the creatures that lived in them, but also sparked enormous research to better understand this environment.

After reading *CLOSE TO SHORE*, provide a one page synopsis of the historical account of these events and how this gripped the United States in the summer of 1916. In addition, provide a similar occurrence from this summer where humans and the natural world have collided with unintended consequences (examples could be - oil spills, volcanic eruption, a bee sting, etc)

2 pages, Double Spaced, 12pt font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins

Due – First Day of Classes