

1.011 Project Evaluation
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Assignment 7
Social & Environmental Impacts

Objectives:

- a) Identify and discuss the types of social and environmental impacts that are likely to be important for the type of project you are studying.
- b) Prepare a draft for a section of your term project

Assignment:

Prepare a 3-5 page paper that identifies and discusses the major types of social and environmental impacts that are likely to be important for the type of project that you are studying (i.e. “airports”, not “Logan Airport”; dams or power, not the “Aswan Dam” dam).

You may want to use the material presented by Susan Murcott as a framework, or you may structure your response based upon your perceptions of the problems that are likely to be encountered.

You can likely obtain a general overview of issues from a textbook; you should already have references based upon your research for your own project; and you can surely find information on the web (e.g. check out the World Bank web site).

Identify sources that you use and provide proper bibliographical references. For web references, provide the normal bibliographical information (e.g. author, title, date), the organization whose web site you addressed, as well as the URL and the date you accessed the site. Also be sure to use quotes for any material taken from web or any other source and use footnotes within the text when you refer to ideas or information taken from a particular reference.

Estimated time: 1-4 hours, depending upon how much background information you already have about your project (it is not necessary to write a literature review worthy of a thesis! I just want to be sure that you understand the social and environmental context for your project.)