

***The Energy of Energy* writing assignment**

The class will read Michael Graetz's book *The End of Energy* over the semester. The book is an insightful review of the development of U.S. energy policy from the early 1970s up through recent developments. Reading this book will help provide a solid foundation for understanding today's energy policy.

On the due dates listed below you are assigned to turn in a "chapter summary" meeting the requirements listed below. Note that there are three parts to a complete assignment.

We will take time in class to discuss the assigned chapters, usually on the day the chapter summaries are due. It will be helpful if you have access to your homework for these discussions (either on paper or on computer, etc.).

Requirements:

1. For each chapter, provide a **one-paragraph summary** explaining the main thrust of the chapter. Your summary should address the question, "What is this chapter about?" There is no specific length requirement for the paragraph – aim for your summary to be neither too short nor too long. But if you need some guidance on length, aim for about 150 words.
2. Following the one-paragraph summary, list the **key historic events** related to energy policy mentioned in the chapter. There will be at least one and perhaps as many as four or five events in some chapters worthy of inclusion on this list.
3. Finally, provide two or three questions related to the chapter. These questions may be questions you had while reading the chapter, or you may devise questions that may be suitable for an exam. These latter type questions could be short answer or multiple choice, etc., your choice. In any case these questions ought to focus on the main issues addressed in the chapter.

All chapter summaries are due in class on the dates listed.

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| • Chapters 1 and 2: | January 28 | • Chapters 9 and 10: | March 4 |
| • Chapters 3 and 4: | February 4 | • Chapter 11: | March 11 |
| • Chapters 5: | February 11 | • Chapter 12: | March 25 |
| • Chapter 6: | February 18 | • Chapter 13: | April 1 |
| • Chapters 7 and 8: | February 25 | • Chapter 14: | April 8 |

You may feel free to discuss the book with other students in the class, in fact I recommend it, but your summary and item list should reflect your own work and be in your own words.

Grading:

Each chapter summary is worth up to 1 point of the overall course grade. Generally speaking this will be a "check off" type grade: you'll get full credit if you turn in the assignment *on time* and *it fully responds to the requirements* above. However, late or poor quality efforts will be graded down appropriately.