

Read the Garrett Hardin paper “The Tragedy of the Commons” which will be distributed in class.

Provide a minimum 6-page, double-spaced report consisting of the following required content.

- Summarize the main thesis of the article. That is, what principle(s) does Hardin use to explain the *tragedy* as he defines it? Note: This segment should not read like a book-report; rather, it will only serve to introduce the key concepts you will use in your analysis.
- Describe how Hardin’s thesis applies to one (1) of these current *California* problems.
 - Production of smog pollutants.
 - Production of greenhouse gases.
 - Water quality issues, especially from organic chemicals including fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, and personal healthcare products.
 - Depletion of commercial fisheries.
 - Availability and use of rare-earth elements.

Provide a clear definition of the “commons” for your selected problem area. In other words, describe the problem in terms of a commons, the individual interests, the collective interests, the resulting conflict, and the possible routes to a solution. Base your analysis on at least four (4) references from the technical literature.

Please do not treat the two bullets above as two unrelated things. Your goal is to discuss one of the California issues in the context of Hardin’s message (i.e. Incorporate Hardin’s concepts in your analysis of the California issue). Your final paper should not be two essays stapled together.

It would be extremely helpful to prepare a formal summary of the paper as you read it. Rather than simply making notes of what Hardin says, it could be beneficial to also ask “Why?” and “What is his evidence?” and ultimately “So what?” as you go through the paper.

Week Due	Material Due
2	-Outline -Problem Statement -List of References
3	-Hardin Paper
4	-Peer Review -Reverse Outline of Peer’s Paper
5	-Revised Hardin Paper