**Week 1 Assignment Template**

**Sustainable Living Guide Contributions, Part One of Four:**

**Sustaining Biodiversity and Ecosystems**

Instructions: Using the term that you have selected from the list provided in the classroom, please complete the following three-paragraph essay. Write a minimum of 5 to 7 well-crafted, original sentences per paragraph. In your response, you are expected to cite and reference, in APA format, at least two outside sources in addition to the class text. The sources must be credible (from experts in the field of study); at least one scholarly source (published in a peer-reviewed academic journal) is strongly encouraged. **Delete all instructions** before submitting your work to Waypoint.

**Your Term: [type your term here]**

[*First Paragraph:* Thoroughly define your term, using your own words to do so. In your definition, be sure explain why the term is important to know. Be as specific as possible and provide examples as necessary to support your ideas.]

[*Second Paragraph*:Discuss how the term affects living beings (including humans) and/or the physical environment. Provide examples as needed.]

[*Third Paragraph:* Suggest two clear, specific actions that you and the other students might take to promote environmental sustainability in relation to this term. Be creative and concrete with your suggestions. For example, you might recommend supporting a particular organization that is active in the field of your term. Explain exactly how those actions will aid in safeguarding our environment in relation to your chosen term.]

*References*: Following your essay, list all references you cited, in APA format.

After proofreading your assignment carefully, please submit your work to **Waypoint** for evaluation.