

Home Essay Project: the World of the Outdoor Educator.

The Home Essay project is designed to foster a sense of place. Part of this is knowing something about the geography and the natural environment of where we live, but it is also about recognizing and accounting for the ways in which the landscapes, communities, and relationships around us makes us who we are.

Read the comments made by Bob Eckert in October, 1989, at a public hearing in the Adirondacks. Focus on his description of what he does for a living. Then read Nicole J. Greene's essay "Acquiring Felt Knowledge" and spend some time reading content from websites that discuss outdoor education.

Using Greene's concept of "felt knowledge" and ideas about "stress/challenge" and "experiential education" from the websites, and relying on your understanding of relationships, vulnerability, and change from the first assignment, explain and describe what is at the heart of Eckert's work. Feel free to add your experiences to this mix if it helps explain your ideas.

Four pages, maximum. Typed responses are required. Late papers will not be accepted.