THE COLLEGE MENTORING PROJECT  
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Bonner Center for Civic Engagement  
University of Richmond  

Assignment #3: OUR CHANGING WORLD  
Academic Discipline: BIOLOGY  
Professor: Dr. Malcolm Hill  

ALL PARTS OF THIS ASSIGNMENT ARE DUE IN CLASS ON SATURDAY,  
February 20th. Please come prepared to get wet and muddy. If the weather permits,  
we’ll do some sampling in Westhampton Lake on the UR campus.  

READING:  
Read both of the selections listed below before our class.  

- READING #1: “Officials swap stories of battle against invasive species,” by Rona Kobell, from the Bay Journal  
- READING #2: “Out of Eden,” by Alan Burdick  

WATCHING:  
Please watch the following 12-minute video, “Trouble in the Tropics: Invasive Lionfish” before our class:  


WRITING:  
Please TYPE a response to each of these questions. Bring a printed copy of both of your responses with you to class. Be sure to follow the length guidelines listed for each question.  

1. You have probably heard your parents talk about how things aren’t like they used to be when they were kids. What are some things about the world that have changed over your own lifetime? Think about things that seem normal now but that were unheard of or at least unusual when you were a kid. What has changed about technology, for example? What else has changed? (Please write at least 1 double-spaced, typed page in answer to this question.)  

2. Choose one of the readings you have done so far for this program, either this year or last year, and write a letter to a friend or family member. In your letter, you must recommend this reading to your letter recipient, arguing that it is relevant, important, and even urgent that they read it. Be sure to explain why you think this reading should matter to this person in particular, and use specific examples from the reading to support your argument. (Please write at least 2.5 double-spaced, typed pages in answer to this question.)