**APIB ESS**

**Tigris/Euphrates River region**

**Essay Assignment – Case study**

Video site (just in case you need to review it)

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1634278420/>

Write a **two page** paper (typed, double spaced, 12pt) about human interference and restoration in the Tigris/Euphrates River region.

**Due: February 17th/18th.**

Include in your essay: (don’t forget to be specific in your answers)

1. What ecological and environmental issues plague the marshlands? Who instigated/how were the original marshlands destroyed, for what purpose?
2. Your opinion: How is the restoration affecting the native peoples and the natural succession of the area? Why is this environment so important to the people and native species that live there?
3. Which other countries have a role in the destruction of the marshlands and are inhibiting the restoration process? How are they doing this? What type of ecological impact does their choices have on the marshlands?
4. It is too late to restore the area? What do you think can be done to keep up the restoration and have it be successful?
5. Explain the impact humans have played in the destruction of the marshlands and compare/contrast with the impact humans have played in the deforestation and environmental ruin of Easter Island. How are they similar? How are they different?