

## Week 6 (Feb 23)

6:00 – 8:30

### Topics

- Islands – Focus on Australia and New Zealand

### Assigned Reading

- De Blij Ch. 3 (Why Geog Matters)
- Climate Change Sceptic (NY Times): <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/16/us/skeptic-of-climate-change-john-christy-finds-himself-a-target-of-suspicion.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&version=HpSumSmallMedia&module=second-column-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&r=0>

### Assignment: Invasive Species in Your Neighborhood (Due Mar 2)

Explanation:

This assignment should be fun and easy to complete. As *Cane Toads: An Unnatural History* illustrated in class, invasive species are a serious threat for island nations. Actually, invasive species are a threat everywhere.

In two pages tell me about invasive species in your neighborhood. Information about these troublesome species is easily available. I recommend starting with the Minnesota State Department of Natural Resources.

- Where to Find Info: The MN DNR's website is a good start
- 2 pages
- It is not Necessary to Map this Assignment
- Cite Your Sources

### Timeline

6:00 – Housekeeping

- Grades are Current
- Assignments Have Been Posted

6:05 – Review Previous Week(s)

- China: Mandate of Heaven
- Religion

6:20 – More than Just Criminals and Middle Earth: An Introduction to New Zealand and Australia

- General Geography
- What Does “Life on an Island” Mean?
- Cane Toads...an Unnatural History

7:20 – Break

7:30 – Class Review (What’s Working & What’s Broken, Boring or Missing the Mark)

7:35 – Weather: Why Australia and the Pacific Islands are Ground Zero for Climate Change

8:20 – Questions and Prep for Next Week: Physical Geography...Much ado About Lava, Tectonics,

### Interesting Material

- Radiolab Podcast about Galapagos Islands: <http://www.radiolab.org/story/galapagos/>
- The Future is Drying Up (NY Times Article): <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/21/magazine/21water-t.html?pagewanted=all>