

GROUP ASSIGNMENT 4  
SA305, SPRING 2012  
INSTRUCTOR: PHILLIPS

**Due date: Friday, 2/10, at the beginning of class.** Hand in:

**1. One typed writeup per group, please put all names on the draft**

In this writeup, you are to do the following with your group:

1. Combine your three previous essays into one paper and correct/revise as indicated on the feedback.
2. In *prescriptive* modeling, models are used to determine courses of action in the situation being modeled. In *descriptive* modeling, models are used to describe and predict the situation being modeled. Compare and contrast the three articles by arguing to what extent each was using prescriptive versus descriptive modeling. Be sure to justify your arguments and conclude with how similar or different the articles were in terms of prescriptive and descriptive modeling.