

## Summer Assignment 2017-2018

From Ms. Fantelli

For 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Students

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Welcome to Notre Dame Academy. Mrs. Butler, your English teacher, shared with me your summer reading book *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. I would like you to do a bit of investigative research on the natural world of Zimbabwe and the natural world of either New England (your homeland) or Pennsylvania (Caitlin's homeland).

Please construct an organized data table similar to the one below and enter your findings in the appropriate column. Please use a ruler to construct your data table. White computer paper is fine, but please do this by hand. You will need to use the internet or encyclopedia to look up this information. Please have it ready on the first day of class. It will count as a double homework assignment.

Topic of Comparison	Zimbabwe	New England (or Pennsylvania, just indicate your choice on your data table and be consistent).
A native mammal		
A farmed mammal		
A plant taller than 2 meters		
A plant smaller than 12 centimeters		
Two units of measurement for volume		
The unit used for speed limit		
A native insect		
A popular edible vegetable		
A chemical used to purify water		
Name of each season of the year		
Hours of daylight in the longest day of the year		
Hours of daylight in the shortest day of the year		
Elevation of the highest mountain		

Name of widest or longest river		
Greatest natural threat (disease or weather or animal)		
Most valuable mineral or metal		
Your favorite thing about the natural world		

If you have questions, you can reach me by email at [lfantelli@nda-worc.org](mailto:lfantelli@nda-worc.org).

Sincerely,

Ms. Fantelli