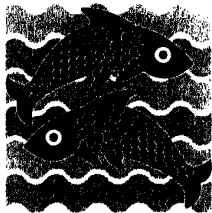


The balance of nature, as we often hear, is a delicate one. Each organism has its own special niche, its own specific tolerance levels to many different environmental and human imposed factors.

Non-indigenous species invading the Great Lakes is one of many factors that will determine what species will survive in a freshwater ecosystem.

In today's society we need students & the community at large to be more aware of how we effect the balance of nature and weigh carefully the results of our actions and decisions.



Great Lakes Grief

Informational Newspaper Assignment

Your Assignment

The newly created Great Lakes Sea Grant League has hired you and your classmates in your very own city to write its first newspaper about invading exotic species! As part of their educational campaign, each person in this class will publish a mini-newspaper about a specific invading exotic species. Each newspaper will be attached to local supermarket bags in an effort to educate the public about this growing environmental concern.



Using a variety of resources, including the Internet, you are to collect facts and information about your chosen species, as well as find a photograph or drawing of the invader. Your collection of informational facts must include the following details:

- The name of the non-indigenous species
- Picture or drawing of the species
- Origins of the species
- How the species was introduced into the Great Lakes
- The impacts of the invading species on the Great Lakes
- What organizations a person can contact to help

After you have collected your notes and picture, begin a rough draft of your mini-newspaper. You may use any word processing program to create your newspaper. Remember that your newspaper must have a title and that you may be CREATIVE and add appropriate graphics, poetry, etc.

Good Luck! Sign your work with excellence! Remember your community will be reading your newspaper!