

Delta State University  
Sociology 521  
Fall 2004

### Writing Assignment No. 1

**Due:** Monday, September 13

**Instructions:** Prepare a two page essay on the topic identified below. Be sure to develop an explanation or argument in your essay. See the link from the course home page for tips on writing an effective essay.

**Topic:** In the video "Prophets and Loss," one of the speakers notes that the Chinese express "crisis" by combining two symbols, one which means "danger" and the other "opportunity." Do environmental issues such as global warming represent more of a danger or an opportunity to the world? (Choose ONE and develop an argument). Consider the political and economic dimensions in your response.