(brief) Essay #1: A Vivid Outdoor Memory
out: Mon 26 March 2007
due: Fri 30 March 2007 (i.e., the 3d meeting of class)

On one page describe an outdoor place that you remember as being exceptionally beautiful, peaceful, interesting or inspiring. Frame your discussion in terms of your emotional or artistic reaction to this place. You might ponder why you reacted so strongly, making yourself a part of the picture.

On a second page describe the same place in terms of its function: for example if it were a waterfall you could discuss why it is there, where the water originates, how it has affected the geology (rocks) and ecology (plants and animals) of the area; if there are plants and animals you could think about who is doing what to whom. Are humans involved in its function (or, potentially will they affect its future)?

Reading week 1: McNeill *Something New Under the Sun:* on energy: preface xxi-xvi
Ch. 1 Peculiarities of a Prodigal Century 3-21

McKibben *The End of Nature* in course pak