

U.S. Government
Mr. Lewis
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Saving the Bay Essay

You are a multi-billionaire who has decided to give \$1 billion dollars of your personal fortune to “Save the Chesapeake Bay”. In a 1,000-1,500 word essay, outline the ways you would spend a billion dollars to help meet the goals outlined in the [Chesapeake 2014 Agreement](#) document.

Your essay must indicate:

- specifically how you would allocate the money
- why you believe that your allocations as a private citizen would create the greatest impact on improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Each essay will be assessed for its degree of creativity, clarity, realism, effectiveness of solutions, and understanding the following:

- The elements/structure of the [Chesapeake 2014 Agreement](#)
- An understanding of the [costs of saving, preserving, and sustaining the Chesapeake Bay](#)
- The structure of the [Chesapeake Bay Program](#), and the relationships between federal, state, and local funding sources versus private philanthropic or commercial ventures
- The scope of [public/private partnerships](#) that are actively seeking to preserve the bay

All essays are due Friday, December 15th. The student submitting the best essay in the class will receive an automatic “A” for the quarter; and the essays will be judged by an independent 3-judge panel.