

# The Value of Water

## Alternate Assignment During the Time of Covid

### Lab 13

Usually during this week's lab, we would be weighing rocks and blocks of wood, calculating density, estimating isostasy, and determining how much of an iceberg is beneath the ocean's surface. Not this semester. Instead, I'd like for you to write something personal: What has been your most significant encounter with the value of water, whether hiking, boating, watching the news, or nearly drowning?

By now, you're heard a lot of my stories, but I want to give you a bit more detail. Please read chapters 19 and 20 in the book. They are only a few pages long. But hopefully after reading them, you'll better understand why I do what I do.

I'm hoping that most of you have a story about an experience that changed your appreciation of water, the more personal the better. But if you bump into a wall, read about the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. For something really uplifting, take a look [\[here\]](#) at student involvement in uncovering the problems.