

The Conservation of Natural Resources  
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**Conservation as Reciprocity**

**Required Reading**

There are four articles you have to read for this assignment:

1. Courtney White's essay "Land Health: A language to describe the common ground beneath our feet" in Knight and White.
2. Dan Dagget's essay "Collaboration as teacher" in Knight and White.
3. Bob Budd's "Where will the moose live?" in Knight and White.
4. Aldo Leopold's "Conservation Esthetic" from Part IV of the Sand County Almanac.

**Assignment:**

Read the assigned articles and – making explicit use of each - craft a typed essay of no more than four pages comparing your experience in the class to Leopold's approach to science, his vision of ecological ethics, and his concept of reciprocity. It will be helpful for you to reflect on your experience in the class, and in view of White's, Dagget's, and Budd's perspectives on conservation, consider how humans must adapt their ethical framework to change what they consider trophies.

This assignment is due by the end of the semester. Typed responses only. E-mail okay.