

The Conservation of Natural Resources
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Writing Assignment: Leopold's "Odyssey"

Assigned Readings/Resources

Aldo Leopold's essay "Odyssey," page 111, in *A Sand County Almanac*.
Leopold's essay, "The Last Stand," on hand-out.
Reflections on Sterling visit / Sterling hand-outs.

Introduction and Assignment

Aldo Leopold's essay, *Odyssey*, tells the ecological life stories of X and Y as they journey through two very different landscapes.

1. Read *Odyssey* and summarize it in your own words.
2. In reference to Leopold's moral compass, what are the consequences of X and Y's different journeys?
3. Think about your visit to Sterling. Think about the forces that have acted on the landscape there, and describe – like Leopold did – the journey and fate of two atoms there. In light of what might have been built there, how might the atoms' journeys differ?

Logistics

Please provide brief, cogent, intensely well-reasoned and typed responses.