

Assignment 11: Reflection of Nature

The power of nature has been a subject for reflection throughout our history. The force of water seen in powerful and crushing waves at the beach or full, rushing streams in the mountains can flood, kill, and destroy. Weather can destroy and damage. Consider the power of tornadoes, hurricanes, and earthquakes.

Yet, there is also tremendous delicacy in nature. Tender grass and flower shoots appear each spring. Branches and leaves grow in precise mathematical patterns that please the eye. Animals such as foxes, deer, and wild cats move with silent, delicate steps. Insects seem so frail and powerless and yet they are some of the oldest creatures alive.

Writers through the centuries have written about nature and its meaning for mankind.

Writing Directions: Write an essay in which you explore the meaning of some aspect of nature. Using a specific experience you've had, examine its significance and your insights. You do not have to convince your readers that your ideas are "best" or "right". You will be sharing your ideas, trying them out in an exploratory way.