



## The Grade 10 Essential Question: What is our role in the natural world?

As humans, what is our role in the natural world? Do we hold a unique position, standing above and controlling the rest of the natural world or are we enmeshed in nature’s complex web of interactions? Are we obligated to act as caretakers for the future, or are natural resources here for us to use as we want? As humans become aware of and immersed in the natural world, they often find it to be more complex than it might first appear.

If you read a novel, focus on either the characters interactions with the natural world. If you read a non-fiction book, focus on what the author says about human interactions with the natural world in the past, present or the future. Complete the chart below using the book you selected from the 10<sup>th</sup> grade list.

Moments in the book when a person or character interacted with or acted upon the natural world (changes to the world that the person/character made or moments when the person/character challenged nature)	Nature’s responses to those actions or challenges
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
Evaluate your evidence and answer the question: As humans, what is our role in the natural world?	

If you need additional space, use additional pages to record your handwritten work.

*This note-taking activity was adapted from the Braintree Summer Reading Program.*