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Truly “effective control of insects is that applied by nature, not by man,” so we should not be using pesticides (Carson).

Despite our use of pesticides, the only “really effective control of insects is that applied by nature, not by man” (Carson).

Darwin claims, “It may appear childish to attribute any effect to such apparently weak means” (6).

Darwin wants every living organism to be noticed: “Let it be remembered how powerful the influence of a single introduced tree or mammal has been shown to be” (1).

Despite our extensive knowledge, no human “knows how many species of insects inhabit the earth because so many are yet to be identified” (Carson).

“No country can be named in which all the native inhabitants are now so perfectly adapted to each other and to the physical conditions under which they live”; the re-adaptation of one animal to another interferes with the balances of nature and the environment around them (Darwin 2).

Darwin explains the intricate workings of ecosystems by defining “how infinitely complex and close-fitting are the mutual relations of all organic beings to each other” (1).

From *The Origin of Species*, Darwin states that “male alligators have been described as fighting, bellowing, and whirling round, like Indians in a war dance” (5).

Historically, humans have utilized a form of artificial selection, where, solely pursuing their own desires, they select “only for [their] own good; Nature only for that of the being which she tends” (Darwin 2).

Natural gas has been recorded “in water supplies, and explosions . . . have occurred near fracking sites” (Holzman). In some cases, the levels are so high that there have been “reports of flammable drinking water.”

Since “shale gas extraction has quickly spread across the United States,” public awareness and unease regarding “water contamination” has increased, forcing Congress to act more quickly (Esposito 177).

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