



Fiction reading

Writing across the curriculum pilot project

Presented by the students of BIOL 451, Evolution
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The Assignment:

Write a science fiction story about evolution and natural selection on another planet in a fictional species. The evolutionary theory must agree with the accepted principles of evolution that you have learned in class and must be scientifically sound.



The students reading excerpts from their stories on Open Day





BreAnna James reading: Tumultuous Tundra

“Amidst the wintery mix of hail blows enormous gusts of wind clouding any sight of life. The land is covered in white uneven pebbles. Anyone who dares to tread this land comes prepared with an overcoat and warm clothing. The air is frigid, whistling loudly from the falling precipitation. As the storm progresses the land becomes submerged in hail making it too difficult to walk across the land. Eventually the hail dissipates and the species which have survived inhabit the land.....”



Sequia Cotton reading: The World with No Tomorrow

“ On June 26, 2020 the world changed for the worse. You never would expect something like this to happen, but it did. I never thought I would go to sleep and wake up in the morning living in a brand new type of world. Why did that massive fiery red ball have to hit the earth? Where did it even come from? Everything was going just fine. Our world made so much sense. Now, it’s so different and strange. Our earth doesn’t spin anymore. It just sits, in space, right in between the sun and the moon. On one side of the earth, it is always day and on the other it’s always night. Living in California, I never thought I would see so much darkness. I miss walking outside and seeing the sun. I miss going to sleep at night and waking up after the sunrise. I miss going to the beach getting a tan from the sun and doing all the things I would normally do on a hot summer day. It’s all gone. It’s over with.....”



Marion Turay

Fribullution

“It was a time before modernization. There was no such thing as pollution, littering, toxic water, or even global warming. Everything was fresh and clean. The planet Fribulla was newly born and divided into two large masses which would be considered continents on earth. These land masses were alike with beautiful greens, rich grass and four foot tall wild flowers that were in full bloom. The two land masses were separated by one big body of water; bigger than what we call an ocean, so it was one specific passage way to travel from island to island. The land masses were given the names Arion and Willow.....”



Tia Douglas reading: Life in a Bubble

“I am living in a portable bubble surrounded by the deep, dark blue waters. As I look up into the ocean I catch a glimpse of many of life’s underwater creatures peering at me through this shiny, reflective crystal ball. Exploring the deep blue sea, I spot enormous, beautiful blue and silver whales with their arch-enemy big, white, bulky, man-eating sharks with long, sharp fangs. They are swarming around the ocean looking for predators to feed on in order to survive the underwater life. But as the whale and shark are circling through the ocean, they become faced with a bit of competition when they spot a predator quickly approaching their territory.....”



Rebecca Auleus

Mamre

“On the sultry planet of Mamre were scattered diverse varieties of tropical fruit; lamveritab, pate, mango groves, extremely sweet mesh berries, tangy purple tomatoes and orange coconut trees. There were four legged feline creatures from two tribes: Chate` and Gateu that intrepidly roamed the very face of Mamre eating from the tropical trees; and on the grasslands grew bushes and patches of dry spinach leaves. If you looked beyond the tropical green lands the grass hillocks harbored nothing but dust, you’d see a transformation from dazzling land to a scorching abyss of dry, arid, land where nothing grew nor lived. That part of the planet extended for about 500 kilometers leading into the waters of Suafe. Surrounding the arid land of Mamre were large bodies of bitter sweet vinegar water.....”



**Abimbola Akinrimisi reading
Unorthodox Utopia**

UNORTHODOX UTOPIA

“It was the year 2013; the world was dull and lifeless. Everything was black and white. On a crescent-like landscape in the middle of the ocean, there was an island called Gulaptos. On this island lived a small group of gloomy dwarfs. These dwarfs were hairless people with dull, pale, non-pigmented skin due to the lack of sunlight, which made everyone look almost the same. With their large almond shaped eyes and night vision, they were able to maneuver through the dark island. Over the centuries, they learned to communicate and understand one another through the tapping of their feet and the clicking sounds of their tongue....”



Sarah Dade reading Divine Grace

Divine Grace

Part I: The Aftermath

Revelation 16:8 “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.”

“There was no rapture, no trumpets, and no earthquakes. There was no fire and brimstone that hailed down from the heavens. The end of days came with none of the warning signs that were foretold in the good book. I ask myself why none of the prophecies have come to fruition. Has God finally forsaken all of humanity? Then I think of how man has fashioned this apocalypse; man has brought this destruction upon the Earth, not God. God saved Noah and his family from certain demise when he flooded the Earth; certainly God has a plan to deliver mankind once more.....”



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