

## Annotated Bibliography

Capstone: Book that involves environmental issues in a dystopian future

Sources:

1. Rinkesh. "15 Current Environmental Problems That Our World is Facing." *Conserve Energy Future*. N.p., 24 Dec. 2016. Web.

<<http://www.conserve-energy-future.com/15-current-environmental-problems.php>>.

This website was useful to me as it provided some insight into current environmental issues that can be found around the world. This site also talks about how important it is that we do something about our current situation with how the resources are being depleted. In the case of my story I will be using some environmental issues and thus this is a site which could help me find some things I could add in order to make the story more realistic or captivating. An example of an issue that is mentioned in this article is genetic modification which is something I was intending on using in my story.

2. Wadley, Carma. "Author offers 6 tips to make writing more interesting." *DeseretNews.com*. Deseret News, 26 Sept. 2010. Web.

<<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700068800/Author-offers-6-tips-to-make-writing-more-interesting.html>>.

I found useful the information that this source had regarding how to make my story engaging for readers so that they read my story. It provided various tips and in each one there was an explanation as to why it was useful and an example would be the fact that in a story we are supposed to show rather than tell whoever is reading what is really happening. I found myself telling the story most of the time and it was a really helpful tip. The person who wrote these tips also happens to be a writer so this is a pretty trustworthy source.

3. Handler, Julie . "50 Inspiring Children's Books with a Positive Message." *Positively Positive!!* N.p., 17 May 2012. Web.

<<http://www.positivelypositive.com/2012/05/17/50-top-childrens-books-with-a-positive-message/>>.

One limitation this source had was that it never really reviewed any of the stories in great detail. It's worth though is found in the fact that it points me in the general direction of great stories that have impacted the life of children in an age where technology has made books more accessible to the public. Sometimes if I get stuck, due to the amount of books I could learn about in this list it helps me continue. Sometimes even books for kids in this case can be helpful for this project. Even if they don't have much text in them.

4. Zepeda, Himay. "7 Ways Books Can Change Your Life." The Huffington Post. TheHuffingtonPost.com, 11 June 2014. Web.

<[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/himay-zepeda/7-ways-books-can-change-y\\_b\\_5482902.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/himay-zepeda/7-ways-books-can-change-y_b_5482902.html)>

This source provides more information on the emotional impact a book can cause. It talks about how at times a book could possibly save a life. This source is then useful to me due to the things it points out on how a character in a book should be. This way I know what I need to improve in my characters as to make them seem more alive and possibly make someone recognize themselves in one of them. This in a way will help me make the story more interesting for other and might help me make the environmental problems stand out more.

5. Wagner, Michael. "What Difference Can a Book Make? The Impact and Influence of the Genesis Flood." *Chalcedon*. Chalcedon, n.d. Web.

<<http://chalcedon.edu/research/articles/what-difference-can-a-book-make-the-impact-and-influence-of-the-genesis-flood/>>.

This source is useful due to its insight into what a book is capable of doing. In this article there are few books are mentioned and one of them is Charles Darwin's, "The Origin of Species" where whole societies were impacted by this one book. In a sense this helps me gain some knowledge as to how I could make the book so that it gains the attention of people as to cause for change on today's environmental situation. I believe that a book would be capable of making change occur and even if my book isn't able to do that I want to be able to at least try.

6. Thomson, Stephanie. "The 20 most influential books in history | World Economic ..." *World Economic Forum*. World Economic Forum, 15 Nov. 2015. Web.

<[https://www.bing.com/cr?IG=3E6C32B1C3444D86A3D0BB6DB6DFC8BB&CID=1F8CCE801FBE63512632C4DA1E8F6249&rd=1&h=zjc\\_S8zG8MxRKCMu-zEyGmOxvx\\_2QIeS7sQ7FR0zGQM&v=1&r=https%3a%2f%2fwww.weforum.org%2fagenda%2f2015%2f11%2fthe-20-most-influential-books-in-history%2f&p=DevEx,5135.1](https://www.bing.com/cr?IG=3E6C32B1C3444D86A3D0BB6DB6DFC8BB&CID=1F8CCE801FBE63512632C4DA1E8F6249&rd=1&h=zjc_S8zG8MxRKCMu-zEyGmOxvx_2QIeS7sQ7FR0zGQM&v=1&r=https%3a%2f%2fwww.weforum.org%2fagenda%2f2015%2f11%2fthe-20-most-influential-books-in-history%2f&p=DevEx,5135.1)>.

The reason why this article was useful to me was because it showed me books that had had a lot of impact on our world and then the article also provide links to sites where these books were analyzed by other people. This proved useful as it pointed me in a different direction to what the kids books did earlier. These books were not meant for kids but were still able to catch the attention of adults causing for a change to occur in how things work out. The article even points out that some of the books are really old and still have influence.

7. Ikerd, John E. "Environmental Risks Facing Farmers." *Environmental Risks Facing Farmers*. USDA Farm Services Agency, n.d. Web.

<<http://web.missouri.edu/ikerdj/papers/Pocono-er.htm>>.

This article provide some insight into a more local problem that we are currently facing in our country where farmers are losing their land due to pollution. When ti comes to how the

farmers are worried this article really helps me paint an image and possibly make me able to incorporate this problem into my story. Since it also came from something sponsored by the USDA it really grabbed my attention as it is an issue currently acknowledged by the government and it should be something that is supposedly being changed but we still are able to see signs of.

8. Nasaw, Daniel, and Kate Dailey. "Five interpretations of The Lorax." *BBC News*. BBC, 03 Mar. 2012. Web. <<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-17224775>>.

I selected this source because it analyses a certain story that has many environmental issues in it and it points out many facts hidden behind the cartoons that were able to be in a movie not so many years ago. If I used this story as an example for what I should do I will probably end up doing a good job although I will be using the tips provided by other sources. Only relying on one source would be bad as there are many different ways to make a story anyways.

9. Cathisakson. "Tips for young writers: How to make your story more interesting." *Great (book) expectations*. N.p., 28 July 2010. Web. <<https://novelexpectations.wordpress.com/2010/07/28/tips-for-young-writers-how-to-make-your-story-more-interesting/>>.

This source is incredibly useful because it provides examples and images on how you should make a story and things you should focus on. An example would be where it mentions how you should begin a story with something exciting. In my case I wasn't really thinking on starting with a large event but this article made me think twice about it and I might end up modifying the story to use this technique. Even if the sources provide more analytical support for my book being able to look at an example is a really helpful thing to say the least.

10. "How to Publish a Book: An Overview of Traditional & Self-Publishing." *Writers Digest Shop*. N.p., n.d. Web. <[http://www.writersdigestshop.com/how\\_to\\_get\\_published](http://www.writersdigestshop.com/how_to_get_published)>.

This source is useful as it mentions the process a book need to go through in order to be published and even though it is not really that important in the future it is something that could prove the be useful to me. Seeing as people might think it is easy to do publish a book this helped me erase those thoughts as it is a process that takes some time. In my case this helps me see that an online publication would be my best choice as it does not cost me anything.