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Final Paper Abstract

Question: Should things that are natural in this world be left alone even if the intentions are positive?

Answer/Thesis: I believe that things that are a natural part of this world, whether it be people, animals, or land masses, should be left alone and not be forced to changed.

Examples/Reasons:

In Desert Solitaire, author Edward Abbey talks about the problems with national parks in the United States. I think this would be good for my paper because there are plenty of examples of the government interfering with natural land masses to build roads and structures so that more people can see more of the park. I think that there are some areas that humans don't necessarily need to be able to drive through or walk through. As my counterargument, I can discuss why building roads in national parks would bring in more people and, in turn, bring more money into the park.

In *Food Inc.*, it discusses the food industry and what they have done to what once were natural animals to help make them into mere brainless meat. There are numerous examples of tampering with natural, living animals throughout the movie. For example, Tyson takes chickens out of their natural environment and make them live in a barn in which they never see light. I think I can use this and other examples in the movie to drive home the point of making natural things

unnatural is not a good thing. To counteract this, I can talk about the financial sense that this would make to the food companies that treat their animals in inhumane ways.

In *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, it shows the oppression of the native people in Australia by white people who want them to conform to “normal society”. I see no point in trying to change people’s ways unless they are somehow harming the rest of the population. I can go into detail about Mr. Nevill and why he might think that changing the indigenous people’s ways would be a good thing for the rest of the country. For example, forcing them to take classes and become more educated could result in more people in the work force in Australia.