

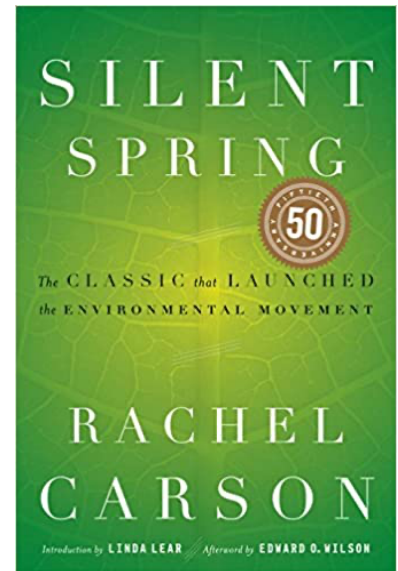
AP Environmental Science (APES) Summer Reading Assignment

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

Due: August 20th at 11:59 PM

Background

Silent Spring is considered to be *the* book that started the global grassroots environmental movement. Released in 1962, it focuses on the negative effects of chemical pesticides that were, at the time, a large part of US agriculture. Rachel Carson and her work began initiating a shift in global environmental consciousness. Carson was, by formal education, a marine biologist who also published a few bestselling books about the sea and ocean biospheres. Her work is said to have led to the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency. She was also posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter.



Silent Spring carries a message that is as relevant today as it was back in the 1960s. Humans are dependent on their living environment and it is, therefore, pure madness to disregard this environment's protection. Because of the boldness and simplicity in how Carson articulates this truth, her book still inspires activists all around the world today.

Assignment: For your summer assignment, you need to read *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson and create a typed document which describes the following:

1. Overall description of the book (10 points)
2. A detailed synopsis of one section of the book you found most interesting (10 points)
3. A description stating what you learned (10 points)
4. An explanation of how you think this book is relevant to the study of Environmental Science as a whole (10 points)
5. A list of questions that the book led you to ponder (minimum of 5 questions) (5 points)
6. An explanation of why the book was worthwhile reading and why you would recommend it to a friend. (5 points)

The book is available on Amazon, or at Barnes and Noble.

For free online: https://library.uniteddiversity.coop/More_Books_and_Reports/Silent_Spring-Rachel_Carson-1962.pdf

****All responses need to be emailed to me (ktreat@flprep.com) by August 20th at 11:59 PM for grading).****