

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Teacher: Ms. Karen White

Class: AP English Literature and Composition

Unit: *Poetry*

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Common Core Standards:

1. Determine the meaning of words, and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (RL11-12.4)
2. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain. (RL. 11-12.1)

Materials: "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry
"Wendell Berry Quotes"

Objective: After reading "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry, students will analyze what Berry imagines to be the proper relationship between humankind and the Earth.

Procedure:

1. Students will be given a copy of the poem as they enter the classroom.
2. Teacher will read poem aloud.
3. Student volunteer read poem aloud.
4. Students will then work in pairs and try to interpret the poem.
5. When students are finished, teacher will then ask if there are any resolved questions.
6. Students will then read the poem again silently and then write for 7-10 minutes about what they think it is about.
7. Regroup and discuss poem.
8. Teacher will then distribute the "Wendell Berry Quotes" assignment. Students will respond to the prompt.

Assessment: What does the poet imagine to be the proper relationship between humankind and the Earth? Please respond using evidence from the poem and the above quotes. Your response should be in paragraph format.

**Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front
by Wendell Berry**

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.

And you will have a window in your head. 5
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.

When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know. 10
So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor. 15
Love someone who does not deserve it.

Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands. 20
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias. 25
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold. 30
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.

Listen to carrion -- put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering 35
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts. 40
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth? 45

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind, 50
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go.

Be like the fox 55
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

--1973

“Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” and Wendell Berry

Directions: Now that you have analyzed “Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front,” read the following quotes by Wendell Berry, the poet, and then respond to the prompt below.

“We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption, that what is good for the world will be good for us. And that requires that we make the effort to know the world and learn what is good for it.”

— **Wendell Berry, *The Long-Legged House***

“The complexity of our present trouble suggests as never before that we need to change our present concept of education. Education is not properly an industry, and its proper use is not to serve industries, either by job-training or by industry-subsidized research. It's proper use is to enable citizens to live lives that are economically, politically, socially, and culturally responsible. This cannot be done by gathering or "accessing" what we now call "information" - which is to say facts without context and therefore without priority. A proper education enables young people to put their lives in order, which means knowing what things are more important than other things; it means putting first things first.”

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Jocelyn Ochoa

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1973 by Wendell Berry

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can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go.

Be like the fox ^{or to mess}
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

--1973

thought
don't work

if you fear
being
materialistic

not always
reliable

don't think of nature not
being yours, make it
yours + make it profit
→ makes it logical

things
better than
material
wealth

keeping women
popular or going
is most important,
you helping

what you
think about
the most

Joelyn Octave

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Poet believes humankind should honor the earth in reverence, above them. His first quote from "The Long Legged House" places the world's needs above human's but doesn't make it an imbalanced, unfair dependence. It's mutual, the earth receives human care, and the earth will care for humans. In his poem "Manifesto," he places it as a profit. In this way, both sides receive benefits, but it's humans who need it more because they want the profit, not just equality.

Prompt #2 Wendell Berry

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The poet imagines the proper relationship between human kind and the Earth to be like a business; making investments to earn profit. The first stanza of Wendell Berry's "Manifesto" is ~~filled~~ ^{filled} with sarcasm and ~~lots~~ ^{hints} of warning, esp. ~~using~~ in the opening line of "Love the quiet profit, the annual raise, vacation pay," and it's all directed towards the big businesses and humans' fascination with the material wealth they profit. Upon closer inspection however, he specifies the kind of profit ~~which~~ ^{that} isn't good; quick profit. Instead of just generalizing it as just profit, ~~there~~ the distinction allows readers to understand that not all business are bad, just ones searching for limited, insignificant gains are.

This distinction allows for his second use of "profit" to have a foothold. In the 6th stanza, leaves harvested, later rotting to mold or to be called profit. That statement offered lines of encouragement to plant seeds and trees that will ~~live~~ ^{live} well beyond the span of a single lifetime. Those kind of profits, the gains that last beyond one's years and generations afterwards are the kind that could be accomplished.

if humans would properly meet in the earth.
In this case, profit alludes to a legacy. One individual
will not receive credit, but in the grand scheme of
things, those who properly met & cared for the
earth will see their legacies being upheld in the
^{centuries}~~decades~~ old "Sequoias", or the "two metres of
humus that will build under the trees every thousand
years". After all, "The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy... responsibility
and it was a legacy of honor."

Since this relationship is that of business,
two parties must have an equal trade of mutual benefits.
However, since it's the humans initiating the trade since they
are the ones in want and need of what nature will provide
the humans are dependents. It'll only ~~be~~ come to
^{Further} ~~fortunate~~ when humans recognize that and begin
to think in terms of "what is good for the world would
be good for us" as Berry stated in "The Long-Term
Horse". So, while nature receives the protection from and
by humans, in return they provide necessities of life and
more for humans. Now, if humans put it, say, 5x more
care, they will gain 5x as much benefits in return.

Berry's use of diction and metaphor firmly
contributes the belief that humans and Earth
must maintain a ~~beneficial~~ mutually beneficial

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relationships in order to ~~maximize~~ maximize what the potential could be from both sides. Unlike most conservative activists try to negate any sort of relationship besides master/slave (redress/punishment) and relinquishing any ownership humans believe to have, Berry's strategy to meet halfway allows for a sort of compromise that is actually a winning solution because neither parties endure loss. The more "reasonable" middle ground of an equal partnership² will resonate with the opposers of conservatism well since they try to logically defend their own use by terms of logic and business. Berry's believed proper relationship of equality in trade is feasible, easy to grasp and well justified.

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criticism
of our
money - hungry
society

As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go.

live 50
unpredictably
go another way

And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.

5
your
future
will be a
mundane job

Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

55
you'll make
mistakes

When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.
So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.

10
do not live a mundane life based on technology
do these things instead

rebirth

-1973 (don't be
predictable, so
your path can't be
followed
your job

Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
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understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

20

learn/do things you've been ignorant to ~

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.

25

- invest in the future/children; plant values for your children

Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.

30
profit for the
good of the world

- put your faith into something small you've started that will grow over yrs and become valuable

Listen to carrion -- put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
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35

- though you will die

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?

45

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.

take
care of
the Earth

afraid
of death
& worried
about
material
don't
listen to
society
wants

live freely
for yourself

do things
the
ordinary

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humankind in poem

Prompt: What does the poet imagine to be the proper relationship between humankind and the Earth? Please respond using evidence from the poem and the above quotes. Your response should be in paragraph format.

The poet wants humankind to care and protect the Earth. Instead of focusing on themselves. Humankind should not focus on themselves and live a mundane life (stanza 3 of the poem). ~~Humankind~~ People shouldn't listen to what society wants and be enabled by the standards of society like education ^{and technology} (quotation 2) (stanza 1/2). People should put into the world and do what's good for it. (stanza 6? quotation 1)

- shouldn't focus on self
- shouldn't listen to society's standard
- put good into world

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"~~the~~ Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front"

Wendell Berry

The poet, imagines there to be a caring relationship between humankind and the Earth. In both the poem and these above quotes ~~the poet~~ Berry discusses how people should treat the Earth. Berry wants humankind to cherish and protect the Earth and nature by not focusing on what's best for themselves, not listening to society's standards, and by putting good into the world for the future.

Berry thinks humankind should not focus on themselves and live a mundane life, but instead people should live freely and unpredictably. In stanza ^{4 (lines 18-19)} of the poem, Berry says " ~~live~~ live in that free republic ~~for~~ for which it stands for", meaning ~~they~~ live freely for ~~yourself~~ yourself and ~~not focus~~ focus on doing the same ordinary things. People should learn ^{about} and do things that they've ~~normally~~ been ignorant to and live unpredictably (lines 21-22 ; 50-52) People shouldn't live day to day, but instead embrace new things and all that ~~the~~ the Earth has to offer.

People should not listen to society's standards

like education and technology. Berry says the education's use is to "enable citizens to live lives that are economically, politically, socially, and culturally responsible." Education enables society to live ~~a~~ boringly and not free. Education forces young people to "put their lives in order" and not see ~~en~~ what is out in the world first. Education leads to working a job, which can be very repetitive. There is no spontaneity in your life. In lines 7 and 8, Berry says "your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer," meaning your future is already ~~ready~~ planned out to be ~~working~~ working a dull job behind a computer. ~~He says~~ People should "do something that won't compute" and go explore the world.

People should cherish the Earth by putting good into the world and future. Stanzas 5 and 6 discuss investing in the future and starting something that will grow and be beneficial to the world. The "profit" of these "seeds" you've planted will be for the good of the world. People should also protect and take care of the Earth. Berry

personifies the Earth in lines 46-49 as if the Earth is a woman that you are ~~with~~ "lying" or "resting" with. These are actions of endearment or care, so it shows the humankind should care for the Earth and "know" it and "learn what is good for it".

Humankind should care more about the world and learn more about it. Instead of focusing on doing things for your own benefit or gain, people should do things that will better the world. ~~People~~ People shouldn't live ordinary boring lives behind a computer screen or gathering information through education, but they should live freely and do things they wouldn't normally do. People shouldn't ~~try~~ listen to these standards of society like education or technology. Humankind should protect and cherish the Earth.

Consumerism

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lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go.

50
they will
always be
trying to copy -
your individuality
55
don't
succumb
to gov't
shortcuts

And you will have a window in your head. 5
Not even your future will be a mystery.
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer. 9-5 job

Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
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they will call you. When they want you
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that won't compute. Love the Lord.

gov't / producers / society
won't be apart of gov't consumerism

Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
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not what the ^{cons.} gov't wants
gov't is controlling us
cons

Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
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20
the gov't is controlling
how we think
better to be ignorant
& cherish the environment

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25
case for things you don't own & that you don't
economically benefit from. Be selfless

Say that the leaves are harvested
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30
good things take longer to come so don't
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Tone: impressionable, reflective
Mood:

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
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45
women are closer to nature
b/c they produce life

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is highest your thoughts.

enjoy nature
commit to things you believe in

increase
in control

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Berry believes that people should care about the earth and that consumerism has caused us to not and has taken away our individuality. What works for one person doesn't necessarily work for another. If we work the reverse, we would better benefit the earth. Berry also believes the education system is industrialized in the wrong way and does not teach values of a responsible lifestyle to the earth. Essentially, what he is saying our relationship with the earth should be one of appreciation and not an advantageous one.

Essay Planning

Thesis: Berry believes that the relationship humans should have for the Earth is one of cherishment and appreciation. Consumerism has ~~too~~ stopped us from doing so by taking away our individuality and ones ability to think for ourselves.

#1

Relationships: 14
46, 47 30-32
 \ / \ /
 cherish appreciate

#2

Consumerism: 7-8, 21, 25-27

Conclusion: If we remove ourselves from succumbing, we can save our earth. Make mistakes and regain individuality. Teach a general set of values and let people think - do for themselves.

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It is environmentalism, but more
radical

So a free spirit society.

Together we will be a better
society.

Manifesto Essay - Poem

Alex Mitias

Wendell Berry believes that the relationship humankind should have with the Earth is one of cherishment and appreciation. Consumerism not ^{only} aided a decline in appreciation for the Earth, but a loss of individuality for human mankind and their ability to think freely.

A clear illustration of his view is in lines ^{46 and} 47 of his poem "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front." Here he writes "love the fields. Lie down in the shade. Rest your head." The image depicted is one of peace & tranquility in a field, taking a moment to appreciate the surroundings and what Earth has to offer. In lines 30-32, Berry pushes a more environmentalist stance, yet still aiding his main view on human-Earth relationships. Stating that humus will build every thousand years is a scientific fact, so if we destroy it we won't have it for generations to come. This matches his lines 22 writing "for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed." Removing the scientificness of this, philosophically he is saying we need to

care for what we have because good things take longer to come - Be selfless and appreciate what the world has to offer.

It's no secret consumerism has changed how we interact with the Earth and how we operate. In lines 7-8 Berry alludes to increase control by society by comparing our future to 9-5 jobs. This ^{has a negative} connotation because it implies lack of variety or mystery in ones life. Everything is seemingly predictable for your future now. On line 21 he tells us to "praise ignorance," ignorance meaning an alternative thought than what society deems correct or right. Berry believes due to consumerism we have become selfish. When he references crops on lines 25-27, he's telling us to care for things we don't economically benefit from and be selfless towards the Earth. We must also not let "the generals & ^(L. 50) politicians" predict our mind. Society will always be trying to cookie-cut our lives, but we must regain our individuality by making mistakes, going on our own paths, and learning for ourselves.

"Love the World. Work for nothing" (L-14) if we stop ourselves from succumbing to shortcuts and instead "make more tracks than necessary," (L-56) we will not only save the earth, but ourselves in the process. We must teach generations that it is okay to think for themselves and to chose their own path because what works for one might not for another. Berry is very much so an environmentalist and realizes that if we continue our ways that we will physically destroy the earth. But, ^{in his poem he pushes} we teach ^{a larger agenda} humans to cherish and appreciate what Earth has to offer ^{and to be selfless and free-thinking,} we will create a wholistic better America. ^{that if}

Kathryn Jennings

3.10.2016

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*denounce
consumerism*

*you can
always
start over
through you
change yourself*

--1973

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the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
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*likes ideas of America, but not the way
the gov't pursues them
return to American ideals*

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*pay it forward
try to help those
who will come after you
work towards something greater than
yourself*

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when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. 30
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.

The end us nigh (end of times, and yourself)

Listen to carrion -- put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come. 35
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men. 40

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth? 45

*will the actions...
women consider the future*

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.

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"Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" and Wendell Berry

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Berry believes people should live to benefit the world and that the world, in turn, will benefit people. This is shown by his idea that the world is not to be exploited.

- "Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered, he has not destroyed."

The world can only benefit us if we appreciate its resources and work to conserve them

- "The Long-Legged House": "What is good for the world will be good for us."

He thinks people need to be environmentally responsible - responsibility is key to success and that includes prioritizing different aspects of

life. He believes it is our responsibility to care for the world. He exhorts us to contribute to the Earth even if we don't get a direct benefit and encourages us to be a part of ~~some~~ something bigger and more important than ourselves.

Earth has given so much to us and we should give back.

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There have almost always been questions about man's ideal relationship with nature. Some believe men should use as many of Earth's resources as they want for their own gain. Others ~~think~~ believe that men should avoid using Earth's resources unless necessary. And then there are those, like Wendell Berry, who see opportunity for a relationship that ^{lies} ~~meets~~ in the middle. Wendell Berry believes that people should live to benefit the world and that the world, in turn, will benefit people. This is shown by ~~the~~ his presentation of the ideas that the ~~world~~ ~~is~~ Earth can only benefit us if we appreciate its resources, that the world is often exploited by man and that this habit needs to change, and that we as humans are responsible for caring for the Earth.

A major idea Wendell Berry ~~and~~ conveys to his audience is that men have a give and take relationship with the Earth. In

"Manifesto," "The Long-Legged House," Berry mentions that men must modify their behaviors and ideas in order to fully appreciate the Earth and conserve its resources. He says that in order for the "world [to] be good for us," we must first "do what is good for the world." This introduces his idea of being environmentally responsible and responsible for our own actions. This idea seems to be present throughout his works. Berry believes that men must take time to truly ~~truly~~ "know the world" and then act in accordance to its needs. He believes it is extremely important that ~~we~~ ^{we} care for the Earth that has given so much to us. Only through proper care can the world continue to sustain us. Berry noticed the abuse of the Earth's resources and demands that we begin to change our ways in order to continue on productively.

Berry's acknowledgement of the exploitation of resources by men is present in lines 21-22 of "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front." He encourages readers to "Praise ignorance for

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what man has not encountered he has not [yet] ~~destroyed~~ destroyed." ~~This suggests~~
The structure of this sentence suggests that the destruction of resources by man is inevitable as long as our current relationship with ~~man~~ ^{Earth} stands. He seems to believe that the only aspects of nature which have maintained their beauty and avoided destruction are those which man has yet to discover. This suggests he sees discovery as ~~something~~ problematic until ~~respons~~ responsibility is learned. He believes that discovery and education are misused to "serve industries" and that we must shift focus and instead give context and ~~put priority~~ to "information" and education and then "put [ours] lives in order, giving ~~for~~ priority to what's important. And Wendell Berry believes that priority should be given to caring for the Earth.

He mentions that caring for the Earth is "our most ancient and most worthy" ~~purpose~~

responsibility. He then goes on to say that "our only hope" is to continue to care for the Earth. This suggests that Berry thinks man is in trouble if we don't continue to cherish and conserve Earth's resources. Our mistreatment of the planet will likely cause the mistreatment of us by the planet, reminding his idea of having a sort of symbiotic relationship with the Earth. Berry exhorts us to ~~contribute~~ contribute to the Earth, even if we don't get a direct benefit and encourages us to be a part of something bigger and more important than ourselves. This is seen when he introduces something ~~akin~~ akin to a pay-it-forward system in "Manifesto." In lines 24-27, Berry suggests that we "invest in the millennium" by "[planting] sequoias" ~~and~~ that we "won't live to ~~see~~ harvest." He encourages us to look to the future and ensure that we leave the opportunity to care for the Earth to future generations.

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We are encouraged to help those who come after us and be a part of something bigger. We're encouraged to invest in the future wellbeing of the environment that allowed us to live in the first place.

Wendell Berry is very clear ~~on this~~ in his belief that the world can only sustain us if we first sustain it. He is able to show people that the ~~care of the~~ exploitation of resources will only harm us and that it is ^{as} important as ever that we begin to shift our thinking ~~towards~~ ^{the} towards conservation and care of the Earth. He ~~introduces~~ ~~the~~ encourages readers to contribute to the world and it's future because ^{he knows} ~~we~~ we can be ~~part~~ part of something bigger. We just need to appreciate how the Earth has cared for us and start to do the same for the Earth.

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front
by Wendell Berry

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die.

Worry about yourself make money and take the easy route

Be unique
do not allow them to brainwash you
As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go.

Do not succumb to the upper hand of the government

Once you do this there is no spontaneity to life

And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer.

50
no excitement

Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

55
just follow the flow of the world

Do not concern yourself w/ wealth

When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it.

Don't worry about the material or consumerism live in the lowest form possible

Speaker = religious -1973
Enjoy what you have and spend it w/ someone worthy.
- People lack self determination
- self worth

do not worry about direction

Just live not knowing everything & maintain mystery

Dehance the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed. Praise all we haven't corrupted

let go of the rules of freedom and embrace freedom

- Go back to what we originally believed the gov should be.
- Build up the children so they can better the future
- impact of your actions in the long run
- Women are more thoughtful about the future

Invest in the long term

Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest.

Take control of everything that isn't yours plan for the future

- Women are more thoughtful about the future

Put your faith in time

Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years.

Look at the bright side of all things negative Put your faith in what you can't see

It's OK to make mistakes you don't have to dwell on them

Man over woman for her ability to produce life

Listen to carrion -- put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men.

Listen to the death of everything and just live w/ the understanding that nothing matters because we all die eventually

Your path shouldn't be easily followed
- Be clever and outwit the gov
- constantly change and better yourself

The Earth is a gift

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie down in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts.

A different concept to the woman pleasing the man. Woman keeps the species alive.

Birth and death are apart of a cycle we go through



Embrace nature and give your love to one

highest?
Realize that the Earth protects you and provides for you so give back to the Earth and love it

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KNOW THE WORLD SO
WE CAN LIVE
WITH IT AND NOT
AGAINST IT

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- In his poem Berry contrasts modern society w/ his ideals on how to live life to the fullest
- Berry feels that one should indulge in the simple things of life so one can be happy and the Earth can be happy too
- Berry makes it clear in the poem that we as people should lie in the loving arms of the Earth and embrace all it has to offer.
"Lie down in the shade, Rest your head in her lap..."
- Instead of humans being selfish and only worried about what's good for themselves, humans should take into consideration what is good for the Earth. The relationship between Earth and humankind should be mutual. Humans should not be sucking the life out of Earth to benefit ones self
- Humans must cherish the Earth and do all they have to do to get the Earth back to what it used to be.

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Berry is a major advocate for the health of the Earth. He believes that humankind and the Earth should have a mutualistic relationship so everyone can be happy.

In his poem "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" Berry contrasts all that we are doing wrong in modern society vs. his ideals on how we as humans can live life to the fullest.

He emphasizes indulging in the simpler things of life so we do not further exaggerate all the Earth has to offer.

The poem brings a mother-daughter/son relationship between humans in the Earth.

Starting "Lie down in the shade, Rest your head in her lap...", which basically means we as humans should embrace all the Earth has to offer by doing nothing and letting the Earth work with its natural cycle.

Berry wants humankind to refrain from being selfish and to take a step back

and pay attention to the bigger picture. We as humans should think of "what is good for the world" and understand that, that is also what is "good for us".

To do so Berry believes we must educate ourselves. Not with the normal hula balloo of math and science etc., but with all there is to know about that which is most important, the Earth. By doing so we get our "lives in order" and get our priorities straight.

Overall, Berry just wants humans to devote their lives to caring for the Earth so the Earth can then take care of us. He wants the mutualistic relationship to introduce us to the simple way of living not controlled by technology or government. He wants us to find freedom and just go with the motions of life in anyway we please, while understanding that death is an inevitable part of the natural cycle of life. Berry believes humankind "should" cherish what remains

of it (Earth) and to foster its renewal is our only hope." In other words, maintaining a minimalistic relationship with Earth is the only way we can ensure that there will be a place to call home in the future.

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front
by Wendell Berry

Be happy for what you have

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die.

Capitalistic Society, Corporations, consumerism
- what he will be criticizing

be unpredictable

As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go.

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Constantly change your mind so the gov't

And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer.

5

gov't close on you.

Be like the ox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

55

can't keep it

--1973

When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know.

Commercials

10

So friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it.

to something for yourself

15

* the shift, what corporations want to what you should do.

Scaristic to

* Same repetition - believes in the freedom

Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free

calling out the gov't

republic for which it stands. * get rid the system

20

Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Get rid of the people governing

↳ parallel for contrast

Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest.

Contribute to something long term

25

* Staza 2: mystery

Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years.

Capitalism to environmentalism

30

* giving back to the earth - care about the environment

Listen to carrion -- put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come.

↳ dead flesh, road kill

↳ listen to the live that will take itself - end of the

35

Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men.

↳ Don't be afraid to die

↳ do what the gov't cannot fear.

40

↳ intangible things.

Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth?

↳ women not in politics

} closer to nature b/c they produce life, will it make a mother worry- hurt her child

45

Go with your love to the fields. Lie down in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts.

> happiness in love

↳ personifying the earth

Criticizing the 9-5

Capitalism

turn

Get rid of the people governing

line from pledge of alliance.

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Earth is a home that we are guest in. Our stay on earth is temporary but our effectives and actions while on earth have a lasting effect. For this reason, Wendell Berry encourages humans to

A guest in a hom

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"We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world" - Wendell Berry

Wendell Berry believes that humans should live contrary to the assumption quoted above.

The principles by which humans should live, outlined in 'Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front', realize Berry's belief that the relationship between humankind and earth, should parallel that of a house owner and a temporary house guest.

Earth is a home that man-kind man-kind is a guest in. Our stay on earth is temporary but our effectiveness and actions while on earth have a lasting effect. For this reason, Berry encourages human humans to "expect the end of the world", for death cannot be avoided.

But, in death one must "listen to carrion-- put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come". In that quote, Songs is a metaphor for life, Berry is telling the audience to appreciate death, because a new life will fill its place. This reference to the circle of life supports Berry's ideal human to Earth

relationship (home owner to guest), the home: Earth remains constant, but the temporary guest: humans are constantly dying and being born. To ensure that the Earth is a welcoming home for the next generation to be born, Berry believes we should "plant sequoias". Sequoias are a tree that takes generations to completely grow to it's full size. Berry uses the phrase "plant sequoias" as a symbol of a long term contribution from society to the Earth, a contribution that Berry believes his current society lacks.

Berry expresses in his poem that the government should be denounced, and that we should hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. By quoting the pledge of alliance, Berry reveals his belief that our current government prevents society from living freely in it's temporary home: Earth. Berry views the government as a tyrant, controlling, and unfit landlord that disturbs the relationship between an open home: Earth and it's guest: humans. To eliminate the overbearing presences of the government, Berry suggest the humans must act as foxes; smart, unpredictable, trail marks.

To create a clear contrast between the
the way the current government is (line 1-2),
and the way he believes we should live (line 13-15)
Berry establish a repetitive parallel structure,
Suggesting that to obtain ^{and maintain} "the proper relationship
between humankind and Earth; home lender & temporary
guest we must replace the desire for "quick profit"
with love for the Lord, replace the "annual raise"
with love for the world, and replace "vacation with
pay" with "working for nothing". Berry believes
man-kind must abandon capitalism and consumerism
for environmentalism. Humans must be giving
temporary guest to their land owner: Earth,
in order to ensure that the Earth is a welcoming
place for its next generation of inhabitants.

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Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front by Wendell Berry

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die.

more towards industry

As soon as the generals and the politicos can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go.

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And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer.

5

Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

Lead them off your path and then go your own way
-1973
don't be afraid to explore

When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it.

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punch in for 10 9-5

disregard everything you've been taught. Be happy with having little

get rid of the ppl currently governing oxymoron?

don't waste your time on thing you can't control or understand

don't worry about profit and just do it for the fun of it

the beauty of nature should be your "profit". Not the end product but the process

women are closer to nature because they produce life

mothers are more concerned about what is happening in the world and how it will affect their child

45

Be unpredictable
Become someone that they can't conform

you don't have a choice

we destroy everything we know about

care about the environment good things take time

don't disturb Earth

he's much more than his occupation

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The poet imagines that humankind protects the Earth and does what is necessary to keep it alive. The poet says that we must "learn what is good for it", meaning ~~the Earth~~ that we need to devote ourselves to learning more about our environment and what we can do for the Earth. It is our "responsibility" to "foster its renewal" because we are the ones abusing it. Calling leaves that have rotted into mold a ~~loss~~ profit suggest that the poet finds beauty in nature and that we should care ~~about~~ more about every aspect of the Earth. Humans tend to only focus on the parts that they can directly profit from.

Marissa Bush

the poet ~~would~~ rather see humans taking up their responsibility to care for the ~~the~~ Earth.

The poem and the quotes chosen reflect a ~~strong~~ that the poet wants to see ~~the~~ humans do away with constantly searching for a way to make a profit off of the Earth. He would rather see humans committing to ~~carry~~ carrying out their responsibility of ~~respecting, protecting, and cherishing~~ protecting and cherishing the Earth.

Marissa Bush

Relationship between Humankind and the Earth

A main theme throughout the poem, "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" and the quotes chosen are how to treat nature. Humans tend to overlook the beauty of nature and only focus on what the Earth can do for them. Wendell Berry explores the idea of protecting nature and cherishing it. Berry imagines a relationship between humankind and Earth where humans ~~respect~~ protect and cherish the Earth.

In the first quote from The Long-Legged House, Berry says that we as people assume that "what is good for us would be good for the world". Now more than ever humans focus on making a profit from nature. The first line in the poem is "love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay", suggesting that we have lived in this ~~capat~~ capitalist society for so long that it has become the norm to ~~chase after~~ devote your time to making a profit, and ~~chasing after~~ chasing after money, a paycheck. Around line 30, Berry the poet says that we should value nature as our profit, saying

that the rotted leaves that have turned into mold are the real harvest. We should invest in "plant[ing] sequoias" instead of monopolies.

By appreciating all parts of nature and investing in it, we can show the Earth that we cherish it for more than what we take from it. The ~~poet~~ poet suggests that we go to an open field with our loved ~~one~~ one and embrace all of the beauty that is so simple in nature.

Berry says that "cherish[ing] what remains of it" is our only hope for survival. He even goes as far to say that caring for the Earth is our responsibility.

In order to cherish the Earth, we must protect it from ~~the abuse that we~~ our own abuse. In the poem, he says, "Praise ignorance, for what man has not ~~destroyed~~ encountered he has not destroyed". The poet feels that whenever man comes in contact with something new, we use and abuse it until ~~it's~~ it's destroyed. That means that we must protect the Earth from our crimes against it. Instead of focusing on ways to use the Earth for a profit,