

# Literature mirrors the collaborations and mutual impact of living organisms in Nature

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## ABSTRACT

English Literature has never failed to incorporate the issues of contemporary relevance within its ambit. Along with a list of topics like mass media, Dalit Literature, Feminist Literature, Human rights, Social Media and Cultural Studies Eco Criticism is also talked about. As Prof. MuraliSivaramakrishnan of Pondicherry Central University says, "Eco criticism has become a buzzword in the academic circles". This paper aims to analyze the breadth and depth of the spread of this concept among the students. The review was carried out by conducting a survey among the students of literature of 5 local colleges. The study involves a sample of 50 students of 10 from five colleges in the locality. The survey was administered by issuing a questionnaire of 10 questions.

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Green Literature has emerged as one of the tools to promote afforestation and protect the

## Introduction

The emergence of Green Literature could be traced back to the pages of literary canons. Walt Whitman in his *This Compost* makes us comprehend the mortality of human life thus becoming manure to the life giving soil. GM Hopkins, an eco-critic shares his views in support

of eco-life through his *Binsey Poplars*. Henry David Thoreau pictures the cleansing effects of Poplar leaves in his *Walden*. *Coming Up for Air* is a novel based on the memories of George Orwell in his Thames Valley. He laments on the ruined fields, woods and pond. Margret Atwood's *Oryx and Crake* describes how our progress of dreams produces apocalypse. Oliver Goldsmith in his *Deserted Village* paints the tyranny of the capitalists on the idyllic hamlet of Auburn. In *A Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne*, Gilbert White writes literary letters to zoologist Thomas Pennant and barrister Barrington highlighting his attention to plants and animals. No other piece of art could better explicate the spiritual upliftment derived out of wanderings in wild landscapes. One couldn't forget the rural labourer John Clare's voice on his minute observation of his country's flora and fauna. James Fennimore Cooper's portrayal of the sublime wilderness of America in his *The Last of the Mohicans* is also to be accounted. The discipline of study with its present momentum would definitely create an aspiration among the youth to preserve nature. The discussion highlights future research avenues for growth of Green initiatives.

**Objective of the study**

As one of the chief inhabitant of this great universe, it's time for man to realize the issues threatening the environment and rescue his abode. Education will play a vital role in bringing out the necessary initiatives. The younger generation has to be made aware of the environmental hazards. This study aims to emphasize how green literature could help to encourage the children to get closer to their environment and be eco conscious.

The study was carried out by conducting a simple survey among the college students. The students were selected randomly from five local colleges. The responses of the students are codified and presented.

The table shows the responses of students.

S No	Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree
1	Global warming is a threat to be addressed and acted unanimously.	48	2	0
2	Afforestation has to be supported	47	3	0

3	Water harvesting is a solution to the existing problem	44	6	0
4	Books has to authored on Green initiatives.	40	10	0
5	Planting trees in schools and colleges by students has to be encouraged	40	8	2
6	Kodungallur municipality in Thrissur district of Kerala's decision with innovative rules which will require newly constructed buildings to have at least two trees planted mandatorily has to be emulated.	35	10	5
7	Projects and assignments on Green Campus will create responsibility among the youth.	41	9	0
8	Plastic free life is a mirage.	6	11	33
9	Roof Top gardens has to be made mandatory in terracotta buildings	25	15	10
10	A curriculum inclusive of Eco friendliness is appreciated.	42	8	0

### Study Findings

The study shows a sign of positive attitude of the participants who represent the entire community. It is very clear that they are well aware of the issue and they are for it. The response of the students reiterate the role of education and in particular Literature towards Green earth. The existing literature proposes a close linkage between knowledge of ecological issues and environmental or green behaviors of inhabitants. The closeness will recreate a positive attitude among the people especially the student community to preserve the greenery and take the responsibility of enriching the concept. This self-awareness would prompt the youth to work on it and persuade others to fall in line. Education has to act as a key factor associated with mindfulness regarding the environment.

### Conclusion

The study is focused on a current issue which attracts everyone's attraction. Though media plays a considerable part in communication, the awareness of an issue through education

will be inevitably powerful. Sex education can be taken as an example. Thus Literature will remain to play a massive role in the preservation of Nature and remains evergreen with inclusion of new concepts. The study will open avenues for future research too.

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