

**ENG 102 Course Description: “Inquiry into Nature”  
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Okay, so now it’s cool to be green, we think Nature is good, and most people want to protect the environment, but it wasn’t always that way. Our section of English 102 will pursue the question “What is Nature?” This is not a course about nature writing or environmentalism, although you can certainly explore those topics in your essays if you want. We will focus on how different perspectives of “Nature” impact lots of different areas. Although individual and cultural conceptions of Nature most certainly affect the global climate, they also influence human practices like religion, social structures, gender construction, artistic expression, economics, and scientific study. Our inquiry will include written text, photographs, movies, and paintings. Grades will be primarily based on 4 essays, but active class participation and regular attendance will be required and rewarded.