

# Nature and Wildlife in Literature

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**1. In Herman Melville's 'Moby-Dick', the titular white whale was inspired by a real-life albino sperm whale that attacked ships near Chile in the early 19th century; what was this real whale named?**

- A) Snowy Tom
- B) Mocha Dick**
- C) Pacific Ghost
- D) White Demon

**2. In Richard Powers' Pulitzer Prize-winning novel 'The Overstory', which nearly extinct tree species is central to the Hoel family's multi-generational photography project?**

- A) American Chestnut**
- B) Giant Sequoia
- C) Coast Redwood
- D) Ginkgo Biloba

**3. Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring' (1962) is credited with launching the modern environmental movement by documenting the effects of which specific pesticide?**

- A) Malathion
- B) Parathion
- C) DDT**
- D) Atrazine

**4. In Samuel Taylor Coleridge's 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner', the mariner kills an albatross. To which biological family of large seabirds does the albatross belong?**

- A) Laridae
- B) Diomedidae**
- C) Procellariidae
- D) Sulidae

**5. Henry David Thoreau's 'Walden' records his experiment in simple living; for exactly how long did he reside in his cabin at Walden Pond?**

- A) 1 year, 1 month, 1 day
- B) 2 years, 2 months, 2 days**
- C) 3 years, 3 months, 3 days
- D) 5 years exactly

**6. The Australian poet Judith Wright, known for her environmental activism, was instrumental in the 1960s campaign to protect which major natural wonder from mining?**

A) The Blue Mountains

B) Uluru

**C) The Great Barrier Reef**

D) The Daintree Rainforest