

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) Diomedeidae
- 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