

## Essay Prompts on Environmental Catastrophe

### **Literature as Warning**

How do works of fiction use environmental catastrophe as a warning about humanity's current trajectory?

### **Nature as Character**

In what ways do authors transform nature into an active, even antagonistic, force in narratives of catastrophe?

### **Colonialism and Environmental Collapse**

Many texts connect environmental catastrophe with histories of colonial exploitation. How does a particular novel/poem/play explore this intersection?

### **Technology and Catastrophe**

Some texts suggest that technological progress leads to ecological destruction, while others imagine it as salvation.