

Plantbook
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Pull Quote: “**Daisy** I’M TOO YOUNG AND PRETTY TO DIE!”

Writer’s Statement

When I first received the prompt for our third and final writing project, I immediately had an idea on how I was going to present this multi-genre writing assignment. However, it was far from what I have now, a social media program. I first thought that I should write from a perspective of a plant and my mind was set on that. Nevertheless, as we began to explore many different ideas on how we can express our thoughts creatively, I began to brainstorm different formats. From wanting to talk about a tree, to incorporating news articles, I finally came up with the idea of a blog. But not just any ordinary blog, but something like Facebook. Facebook plays a huge role as a source of communication for the UCSB community. Through many groups and different posts, students are able to express how they are feeling or even if they need help from their fellow Gauchos. This is a sense of community, similar to the community that plants live in.

My goals for this piece were to make the reader aware of what plants, who are also living organisms on this earth, are going through and how climate change affects them. Because climate change is such a broad topic, I chose to focus on rising temperatures and the amount of carbon in the ozone layer. In order to get my point across, I faced many challenges. Choosing to format my piece as a social media application for plants, I had to reflect back and forth on the many different aspects that social media has to offer. Besides trying to be creative, I also had to incorporate informative dialogue and details. As I was trying to be as informative as possible, I was worried that I wasn’t going to be able to succeed since I wasn’t writing in paragraph format and most posts were brief. If I were able to write a more traditional paper on this topic, I believe

it would've been easier since I had to do so much research. However, I am glad that wasn't the case since this was a more intriguing way to gain the reader's attention on such a significant issue.

After writing every "post," the format of the page that I was trying to make looked confusing and bland. After, I placed my writing in "boxes" in order for the reader to identify the many different posts. Once this was done, I was proud of my work and ability to make it look similar to the social media platform while still being able to write the piece. However, I realized that some posts could have been more informative and could have referenced different things going on, but I didn't want it to be too confusing since the format was based on how Facebook looks.

In writing this piece, I was able to still be very informative about climate change and entertain my audience. As a writer, I never thought I would be able to do that; I basically wrote a research paper—but on my own terms. Not only did I learn more about the drastic changes of global warming, but I also learned more about myself as a writer and the many different writing techniques I was able to use. Given that I am a political science major, I believe this will help me throughout my many other writing classes I will take in the future. My main difficulty is that I still have trouble organizing my essays to flow well and making them more understandable. In becoming able to write successfully in Writing 2 and beyond, I hope to develop this skill.

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What's on your mind, Mother Nature?

Photo/Video Tag Friends Feeling/Activity

Oak Tree

Good morning Earth! It's a good day to release some O2 (oxygen) and inhale fresh CO2 (carbon dioxide :-).

Tuesday at 6:18am

Like

Comment

Share

2 plants like this.

Write a comment...

Elm Tree Anyone else notice how much CO2 has been in the atmosphere lately? Not complaining since my photosynthesis is functioning better than ever! xD

Like Reply Tuesday at 6:20am

Maple Tree Are you dumb Elm? This significant amount of CO2 in the atmosphere is horrible for us because there's so much we can absorb, next thing you know there's gonna be an abundance of CO2. #staywoke

Like Reply Tuesday at 6:23am

Willow Tree ^True. I blame the humans.

Like Reply Tuesday at 6:28am

Daffodil > Flower Power

5 hrs

Why has it been so warm lately? I thought it was Winter season?

3 😊

3 Comments

Like

Comment

Rose I heard it's because of something called "Climate Change" ...

Like Reply 4hrs

Lilly The humans were discussing it when they came for their morning walk. One even said temperatures are rising so drastically that glaciers are melting causing sea level to rise! :O

Like reply 4hrs

Daisy I'M TOO YOUNG AND PRETTY TO DIE!

2 Likes Reply 3hrs

Write a comment...

Fern is going to an event.

1 hr

SAT, APR 6 AT 5:30 PM

Calling all plants: Learn How to Thrive and Adapt to Extreme Temperatures, Decrease in Water Availability, and Changes to Soil Conditions

Interested

210 plants interested

Like

Comment

Share

Write a comment...

Fungi > Overheard at Yosemite Park

6 hrs

Human 1: "Yo, take this all in because this won't be around in the next 30 years if we don't make a difference about global warming."

Human 2: "Nah bro, just buy a reusable straw and we good."

-A woke specimen and an oblivious specimen who doesn't know how climate change functions and only cares about turtles

😬 37

1 Comment

Like

Comment

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Plantae Lmao do humans not realize that not only our lives are at stake but theirs too?

Amateurs. Plant growth is declining which will lead to the destruction of forests!!

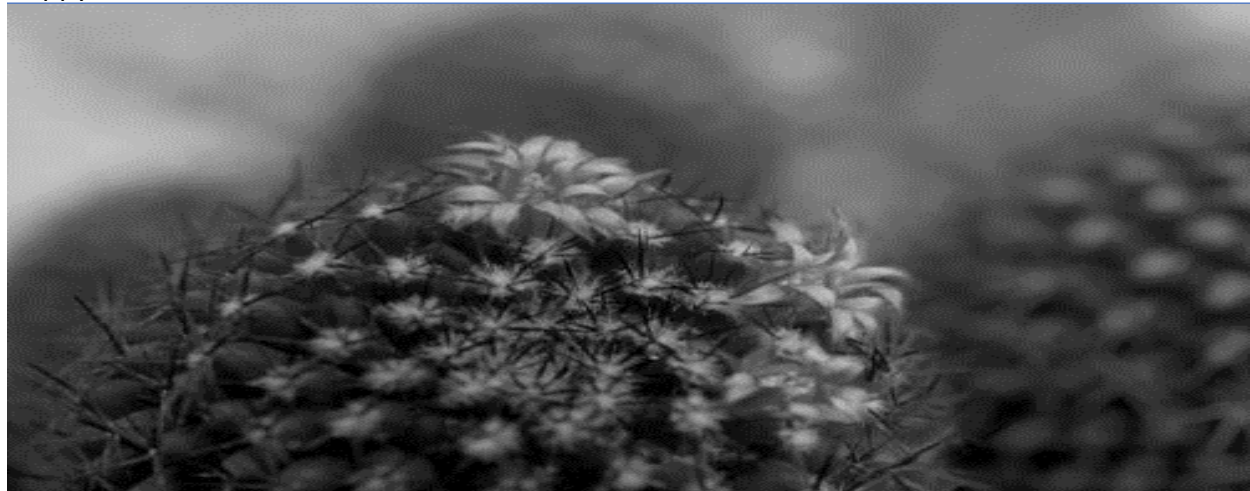
300 Likes Reply 5hrs

Write a comment...

Cactus updated her profile picture.

April 11, 2018

Happy ☺ -in Jalisco, Mexico



Agave, Coconut Tree and 23 others liked.

2 Comments

Like

Comment

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Agave Belleza natural, te quiero mi nina (*Natural beauty, I love you my girl!*)

Like Reply 5mins

Cactus Gracias tía. Saludos, espero que le vaya bien en este cambio climático. (*Thank you aunt. Greetings, I hope you're doing well with this climate change.*)

Like Reply 7mins

Write a comment...

Herb > NORCAL Rideshare Group

14 hrs

Trying to find a ride from sea level to a higher elevation, need to relocate ASAP!!! In need of a cooler, higher spot.

1 Like

2 Comments

Like

Comment

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Moss Messaged! Fern and I are heading towards the mountains in 5 minutes. We can't face this global warming any longer.

Like Reply 14 hrs

Alpine Is there an extra spot available? I can't stand this warm climate anymore, it wasn't this hot last year!!

Like Reply 13 hrs

Write a comment...

Venus Fly Trap shared a post.

19 mins

To all my fellow plants: we must stay strong in these extreme temperatures, decrease in water availability, and changes to our soil.

Tulip is ☹️ feeling sad.

Yesterday at 5:47 PM

Been feeling my growth spurt altering lately. Why must it be so hot? Now I have to grow taller in order to cool off and I'm now becoming unstable. I'm beginning to bend faster in the rain and produce less biomass.

☹️ Conifer and 5 others

2 Comments

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Arabidopsis thaliana Same girl, I feel my stem growing and becoming longer than usual.

Like Reply 1d

Write a comment...

Ponderosa Pine is with **Sequoia Tree** and **100 others** at **Sante Fe National Forest**.

April 13 New Mexico

7 years later and we are all starting to feel less resilient and more weak as the temperature rise. The droughts we once could strongly endure are the ones we will no longer be able to survive. We are being killed and our homes are at risk. Ever since the Las Conchas Fire, nothing has been the same. Any other forests going through the same thing? We don't want to disappear and become a different type of ecosystem (no offense to you grass and shrublands).

☹️ Pinyon Pine, Coast Redwood and 251 others

3 Comments

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Comment

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Pinyon Pine I feel you brother. More than 350 million of our species died in one year, wiping out a huge zone of our Western forest and all due to the drought caused by climate change. #SMH #WhatDidWeDoToDeserveThis

Like Reply 5hrs

Sequoia Tree As the largest tree in the world, I hate to say that I am weakening. Not only because of the drought but this darn pollution. The humans expect us to take up and store all their carbon but it's too much now. I just want to give up.

Like Reply 5hrs

Write a comment...

The Weather Channel shared a **post**.

1 min

WARNING: Megadrought to begin full effect in the American South West. This is the first mega-drought in more than 500 years. Due to human-caused climate change, this drought is 62 percent more drastic than it originally could have been.

Prepare for the inevitable, plants.

☹️ :o 330

107 Comments 134 Shares

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Write a comment...

Fern THE HUMANS KNEW THERE WOULD BE AN EFFECT! WHY DIDN'T THEY TAKE ACTION SINCE THE BEGINNING? THEY'VE BEEN AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES.

Like Reply 30secs

76 Likes

Elm Tree They didn't know it would be this serious and actually have this drastic outcome. Stupid and careless humans. They'll regret everything once there's no oxygen, plantlife, and even water for them.

Like Reply 15secs

107 Likes

View more comments

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