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How and Why to Include Sand County Almanac in Introductory Resource Conservation Courses

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Most resource managers agree that some exposure to Aldo Leopold's writings is important in natural resource education. But there is less agreement on how to go about this. Some professors assign the book and expect students to read it on their own, but otherwise do not integrate the text into their courses. Others assign the book and discuss it in small groups. This paper describes the use of both discussion groups and writing assignments to help freshmen appreciate the depth and breadth of the book.

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