NEH Steinbeck Institute 2016

A work in Progress

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Overview

Connecting science themes of human interaction and impact on the environment with the literature of John Steinbeck, students will investigate past and current trends.

Starting off the course with a deep reading of *The Tragedy of the Commons*.(Harding. 1968) Science Magazine. Students will be introduced to the guiding question of the course, “How do humans interact and impact the environment?”

My personal Journey to Steinbeck and Ecology through pictures and a sense of place, will be presented at two workshops. The purpose it to encourage collaboration with literature and science.

 Traveling with the Joade’s from Oklahoma to California, farming in Salinas valley, costal ecology in Monterey Bay, will provide the backdrop for student investigations. Grapes of Wrath, The Log from the Sea of Cortez, East of Eden, The Red Pony and the Pearl will provide selected readings. Concepts will include water & land use, overfishing, resource depletion, farming & conservation practices.