

Biology
Ch 2, "Silent Spring"
Rachel Carson Reading
Dooner/CHS

After reading and annotating the selection, answer the following questions:

1. According to the author, what has "molded" the physical form and the habits of the earth's vegetation and animal life?
2. How does the author contrast Life's ability to adapt to natural chemical and radioactive features of the environment like the radiation from rocks or the calcium and silica from rocks with man-made substances like strontium-90 or sprays, dusts, and aerosols?
3. What does the author consider to be the "central problem of our age"?
4. Using some of the examples from the passage, explain the problem of "invasive species".
5. What is the author's overall position on the use of chemical insecticides?
6. Use your Chromebook to research the influence of Rachel Carson's book Silent Spring on the modern environmental movement and summarize your findings on the reverse of this sheet.