

Carmel High School

Honors Biology

First Day Reading

<http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20150715-why-save-an-endangered-species>

After reading the article "What is the Point of Saving Endangered Species" by Michael Marshall, answer the following questions and be prepared to discuss them in small groups:

1. How many mass extinctions have there been and when was the most recent one?
2. What are 2 problems with the argument that we should preserve nature(i.e. species) because "nature is beautiful"?
3. What is "bioprospecting" and what are some problems with it?
4. What is the estimated global economic impact of unchecked species loss?
5. What is the main factor that makes an ecosystem more stable and resilient?