

## Sample Reading Log

Lesson Title: *Tigerland and Other Unintended Destinations*  
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Teacher Sheet

<b>Passage Category</b> *See note below	<b>Quotation</b> (Include Chapter and page number)	<b>Your Reaction</b>
1	Many threats to conservation may seem too overwhelming to mitigate in time to save wild nature—over fishing in coastal seas and the open ocean, illegal logging in the tropics, the damming up of the earth’s most biologically rich rivers and streams. Yet in some places all fishing is prohibited, even catch-and-release, to protect vital fisheries; logging bans are in place in some ecologically sensitive forests; and a movement is growing in the United States and Europe to restore free-flowing rivers by decommissioning dams that are no longer needed to provide power. (Introduction, p. 9)	Wildlife is being threatened all over the world by human activities, but the picture isn’t entirely bleak. In many areas, people are also taking measure to reverse some of the damage and protect natural resources. I think we just need to do more.
2	While all eyes and binoculars were focused skyward to learn how to recognize the giant trees by their leaves, Gary gently detained with his rubber boot a baby fer-de-lance, a poisonous snake that had slithered across our path. (Introduction, p. 5)	I wonder how poisonous this type of snake is. Can it kill you? Even a baby one? I guess they really need to take really good medical kits on these field studies.
3	Taylor had the swashbuckling personality of a biologist who studies wolves or mountain lions, but he specialized in balsam root, a member of the daisy family. (Introduction, p. 4)	I like how he refers to what Ron Taylor does as cowboy botany. What an interesting career path to go from an Idaho rancher to a fighter pilot to a botanist.
4	In the pages that follow, you will encounter many species of heron more exotic than that understated little green one; the colonial roosting black-crowned night herons of Nepal, which live among pythons, mugger crocodiles, and tigers; the diabolical black heron, a serial killer that shadows naïve amphibians and invertebrates in the hippo pools of East Africa; and the endemic lava heron of the Galapagos, dancing its graceful seaside pas-de-deux with the elegant Sally Lightfoot crabs in front of an audience of marine iguanas, penguins, and sea lions. (Introduction, p. 9)	I never realized there were so many different types of heron. I remember seeing some great blue herons at the Everglades National Park. Long, skinny birds with long, pointed beaks. I wonder what the killer black heron looks like. The black-crowned night heron must be tough, too, since it lives among pythons, crocodiles, and tigers.

\* (1) Human Impact (2) Obstacles/Dangers (3) Interesting People (4) Wildlife

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