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Light Pollution Web Assessment

I chose the "Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve" (<http://idahodarksky.org/light-pollution/>) article for this assignment. This article had very good intentions on wanting to teach about light pollution and why they believed we need to stop having so much of it. Light pollution has been a problem with big cities or any general gathering of people. The article explains that most of the world is so blotted with light pollution that we can no longer see the milky way- something that is awe inspiring and needs to be preserved in our skies. They explain how harmful light pollution can be for the environment and everything living in said environment, including us humans. The Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve article does a great job at starting the topic of light pollution, but they only skim the surface. They fail to satisfy the growing curiosity for more information and leave holes in their information. The article also only states why light pollution is bad and why we need to get rid of it, giving only a few small ideas on how to fix the problem. There was no history on how light pollution began or how it got so bad and no context on whether we are on the track to better or worse light pollution in our futures. Overall, the article was okay. They did a good job on allowing the reader to know somewhat of what's going on and possibly change the reader's view on the situation. They took advantage of reader curiosity and used it to make the reader want to change things- maybe not for the better- but just for a nice view of the stars.

The article was pretty bland and uninteresting to look at. It was annoying to navigate and hard to read. The paragraph's were scattered and seemed more like bullet points- if they forgot to add something, instead of creating a way for the reader to flow through their work, they would add another bullet point. This caused annoyance and made me want to stop reading. They had links to work they referenced, but didn't cite their references any other way. Overall, the article could have been made better and more professionally, allowing the reader to more easily read through it and understand the topic better. The bullet points should have all just been combined into an easy to read paragraph and more pictures should have been added to make the reader want to continue. Even though the article was bland, it wasn't hard to finish and did give out enough information for a viewer to want to continue to educate themselves on the subject.