

Critical Journal

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<p>RECORD: Favorite words, phrases, and Quotations; take notes on the presentation. (3 pts.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “a healthy and growing plant is better able to tolerate insect damage than one that isn’t and often eliminates the need for insecticides” • “Handpicking is a great way to get rid of big, and if your garden is small enough, little insects. This method requires nothing more than getting down on your hands and knees and squeezing the tar out of the bad bugs until they pop.” • “Pheromone traps release odors that attract insects to the trap to be caught.” • “Some groups will tell you that pesticides are completely safe if used according to the label. Wrong. Pesticides are <i>never</i> completely safe.” 	<p>RESPOND: Observations, responses, insights. Where do you agree with the Presenter? Disagree? (3 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author mentions the “don’t do anything” method. The author claims that less pests come from this method, but from my experience when I do nothing pests come. • The author mentions how parasitic wasps would be great to get rid of pests. I really like this idea and have done research on it, but have never tried. • The author brings up the idea of pheromone traps too. He relates it to human desire as well and I think it is interesting you can do it to pests too. • I like to think of pros and cons when using pesticides. They can help, but depends on the situation and how experienced a person is. • I never thought of putting something on the plant to keep pests away. It is usually just trying to kill them. Kaolin puts a barrier around the plant.

REFLECT: Critical Reflections. Make a personal connection. Ask, “How has my thinking modified because of what I heard? What is the action I will take due to what I have learned?” (*Action includes any change—a change in thinking, in beliefs, or in behavior.*) Be specific about your plan, and how you will use what you have learned in your classes, in your personal life, and/or in your future career. (4 pts.)

After reading this chapter my mind has been opened up more. There are so many more ways than I thought were possible to get rid of pests and keep them away. The chapter lists so many different options including organic or organisms to get rid of pests. I think the best would be to use organic products, but there is not a direct answer. I have used garlic before but bought them commercially. I will start making my own concoctions because the author mentions that this can often be more effective.

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Awe Walk
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For my awe-walk I walked through the sand dunes in St Anthony. Walking through sand dunes there is not much to look at when you first think about it. As I walked through you could just see little hills for miles. The sand dunes are such a big landscape I did not see anyone for my whole walk. I went around time for the sunset. I stood on the tallest hill I could. I was bare foot and could feel the cold sand in between my toes. My feet sank with each step. Made it a little difficult to walk. The wind was blowing quite a bit. Looking down you could see the ridges made in the sand from the wind. They went all over. For miles and miles. I continued to walk for even longer then stopped. Standing there the light was present for 10 minutes or so then it slowly dimmed. The visual of the ridges in the sand became less present and I walked back. The wind continued and I could hear it go through my ears. It muffled them and it was all I could hear. I could barely hear my breath, only feel it when I took big breaths. There was not a distinct smell at all. There was not anything asides sand. It was relaxing though. Nothing to distract me and I had time to myself to think. I was able to stand there just hearing the wind and feeling the sand on my feet. I could think clearly as the sun set and it got darker.