**An Excerpt from *Pale Blue Dot***

**by Carl Sagan**

This excerpt from *Pale Blue Dot* was inspired by an image taken, at Sagan's suggestion, by Voyager 1 on February 14, 1990.

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The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

-- Carl Sagan, *Pale Blue Dot*, 1994

Fluency Activity

Students work in small groups of no more than four.

Each student draws a card that will determine how they will read one of the paragraphs. Each card will direct the reader in the type of reading it will be.

Gossip

Sermon

Keynote speech

Breaking News

Rap

Song

Students practice their reading and then take turns sharing.

**Guided Highlighted Reading Prompts for Vocabulary (*Pale Blue Dot*)**

**Read the following prompts as students highlight as directed:**

In line #3, find and highlight the word that means “path of the sun’s annual motion.” (ecliptic)

In line #5, find and highlight the word that means, “the basic unit of a video screen image.” (pixel)

In line #9, find and highlight the word that means “system of social belief.” (ideologies)

In line #10, find and highlight the word that means “principles.” (doctrines)

In line 10, find and highlight the word that means “scavenger.” (forager)

In line #20, find and highlight the word that means “enthusiastic.” (fervent)

In line #23, find and highlight the word that means “insignificance.” (obscurity)

In line #25, find and highlight the word that means “protect.” (harbor)

In line #29, find and highlight the word that means “self-importance.” (conceits)

**Cloze Answers for *Pale Blue Dot***

As the spacecraft left our planetary neighborhood for the fringes of the solar system, engineers turned it around for one last look at its home planet. Voyager 1 was about 6.4 billion kilometers (4 billion miles) away, and approximately 32 degrees above the *ecliptic* path of the sun’s annual motion plane, when it captured this portrait of our world. Caught in the center of scattered light rays (a result of taking the picture so close to the Sun), Earth appears as a tiny point of light, a crescent only 0.12

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The Earth is the only world known so far to *harbor* protect life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

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better demonstration of the folly of human *conceits* self-importance than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

**Cloze for *Pale Blue Dot***

**DIRECTIONS:** Write the appropriate phrase from the following list that is the correct synonym for each of the italicized words or phrases in the blank provided. To make sure that the synonym makes sense, read the sentence substituting the synonym for the italicized word or phrase.

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| path of the sun’s annual motion | enthusiastic |
| system of social belief | protect |

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***Pale Blue Dot* Multiple-Choice Comprehension Questions**

**Directions for answering multiple-choice questions:** Choose the BEST answer for each of the questions. You may review the text you have highlighted.

1. Read the sentence below:

**The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life.**

What does **harbor life** mean in the sentence?

1. offer shelter
2. provide a port
3. conceal cruelties
4. grant citizenship

2. Considering what he wrote about in this selection, Carl Sagan would **MOST LIKELY** agree with which of the following statements?

1. There is intelligent life on other planets.
2. No matter what, men will go on warring with and killing each other.
3. If we get in trouble someone from another planet will save us.
4. It is our responsibility to treat each other well.

3. What subject matter does this selection represent?

1. social studies
2. art
3. science
4. language arts

4. What is the meaning of *obscurity* in line #23?

A. importance

B. vision

C. insignificance

D. vindication

5. What organizational structure does the author use in lines 10 through 13?

1. compare and contrast
2. cause and effect
3. chronological
4. problem and solution

6. Which literary device does the author use most creatively in lines 7 through13?

1. personification
2. repetition
3. metaphor
4. simile

**Guided Highlighted Reading for Summary (Close and Critical Reading Question 1)**

***Pale Blue Dot***

**Directions:** With a highlighter pen, follow the prompts of the teacher and highlight what the prompts instruct you to highlight.

**The teacher reads the following:**

In the title find and highlight the topic of the essay. (*Pale Blue Dot*)

In the introduction: Find and highlight where and when the picture was taken. (“…Voyager 1 on February 14, 1990.”)

In line #3: Find and highlight how far away from Earth Voyager was when the picture was taken. (“…4 billion miles…”)

In line #5: Find and highlight what Earth looked like. (“…a tiny point of light…”)

In line #7: Find and highlight what the dot actually is. (home)

In lines #7 and #8: Find and highlight who lives on this tiny dot. (“On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives.”)

In lines #17-#19: Find and highlight on whom and by whom endless cruelties were visited. (“…by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner…”)

In line #24: Find and highlight what we cannot hope for. (“…help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.”)

In line #27: Find and highlight where we must make our stand. (Earth)

In lines #30 and #31: Find and highlight our responsibility. (“…to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.”)

**Answers to multiple-choice questions: 1. A, 2. D, 3. C, 4. C, 5. A, 6. B**

**Guided Highlighted Reading Prompts for Craft (*Pale Blue Dot*)**

**Read the following prompts as students highlight as directed:**

In line #3, find and highlight two domain specific words. (degrees and ecliptic)

In line #5, find and highlight the two words that emphasize how small Earth is. (tiny and pixel)

In line #7, find and highlight the word that is repeated three times. (That's)

In lines #7 and #8, find and highlight the word that is repeated three times. (everyone)

In lines #8-#13, find and highlight the word that is repeated 11 times. (every)

In lines #10-#13, find and highlight five contrasts the author makes. (“…every hero and coward...,” “…every king and peasant…,” “…every king and peasant…,” “…every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician…,” and “…every saint and sinner…”)

In line #15, find and highlight a graphic image. (“…rivers of blood…”)

In lines #19 and #20, find and highlight the word that is repeated three times to introduce a clause. (how)

In lines #22 and #23, find and highlight the phrase that emphasizes how small we are in the universe. (“…a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark.”)

In line #25, find and highlight the vivid verb. (harbor)

In lines #30 and #31, find and highlight the thesis. (“…our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.”)

**Close and Critical Reading—Suggested Response**

**What does the text say? (Restatement: Briefly summarize *Pale Blue Dot* at the literal level.)**

*Carl Sagan asked that Voyager 1 take a picture of Earth from the edge of our solar system on February 14, 1990. Earth looked like a tiny point of light or a pale blue dot. But Sagan points out that the dot is our home, everyone we know lives here. Earth is small but “endless cruelties” have been done by one group of people to another. We imagine that we are very important, but it is unlikely that anyone will come and save us. Sagan states that astronomy is humbling. He says that our responsibility is to be kinder to one another and take care of our world.*

**How does the author say it? (Description: In other words, what techniques of craft and structure does the author use? What are the genre, format, organization, features, word choice, figures of speech, etc.?)**

*This essay is organized by* ***persuasion*** *with a great deal of* ***repetition*** *of words and phrases such as ten repetition of the word “every” to introduce phrases. The* ***author of the passage*** *is identified revealing that he is an expert in his field. The author uses* ***contrast*** *a number of times such as “…*every creator and destroyer of civilization….” *Carl Sagan* *uses graphic* ***images*** *such as “rivers of blood” and* ***vivid verbs*** *such as “harbor.” Sagan stated the thesis “…our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.”*  (Words in boldface refer to author’s craft, structure, and perspective.)

**What does the text mean? (Interpretation: What is the theme or thesis and how do the author’s choice of content, structure, and craft combine to achieve his/her purpose?)**

*If you have only one place to live, take good care of it and the others who live there.*

**So what? (Evaluation and Integration: What does the theme or thesis mean in your life and/or in the lives of others—text-to-self, text-to-text, and/or text-to-world?)**

Answers will vary but should include at least one of the relationship: text-to-self, text-to-text, and/or text-to-world.

**“Compassion and the World” by H.H. the Fourteenth Dalai Lama**

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*Individual happiness can contribute in a profound and effective way to the overall improvement of our entire human community.*

Because we all share an identical need for love, it is possible to feel that anybody we meet, in whatever circumstances, is a brother or sister. No matter how new the face or how different the dress and behavior, there is no significant division between us and other people. It is foolish to dwell on external differences, because our basic natures are the same.

Ultimately, humanity is one and this small planet is our only home. If we are to protect this home of ours, each of us needs to experience a vivid sense of universal altruism. It is only this feeling that can remove the self-centered motives that cause people to deceive and misuse one another. If you have a sincere and open heart, you naturally feel self-worth and confidence, and there is no need to be fearful of others.

I believe that at every level of society—familial, tribal, national and international—the key to a happier and more successful world is the growth of compassion. We do not need to become religious, nor do we need to believe in an ideology. All that is necessary is for each of us to develop our good human qualities.

I try to treat whoever I meet as an old friend. This gives me a genuine feeling of happiness. It is the time to help create a happier world.

**Guided Highlighted Reading Prompts for Vocabulary**

**Read the following prompts as students highlight as directed:**

In line #1, find and highlight the word that means “thoughtful and insightful.” (profound)

In line #7, find and highlight the word that means, “finally.” (ultimately)

In line #8, find and highlight the word that means “worldwide unselfishness.” (universal altruism)

In line #12, find and highlight the word that means “relating to a family.” (familial)

In line 13, find and highlight the word that means “sympathy for others, often including a desire to help.” (compassion)

In line #14, find and highlight the word that means “a system of social beliefs.” (ideology)

**Cloze Answers for“Compassion and the World” by H.H. the Fourteenth Dalai Lama**

*Individual happiness can contribute in a* profoundthoughtful and insightful *and effective way to the overall improvement of our entire human community.*

Because we all share an identical need for love, it is possible to feel that anybody we meet, in whatever circumstances, is a brother or sister. No matter how new the face or how different the dress and behavior, there is no significant division between us and other people. It is foolish to dwell on external differences, because our basic natures are the same.

*Ultimately* finally, humanity is one and this small planet is our only home. If we are to protect this home of ours, each of us needs to experience a vivid sense of *universal altruism* worldwide unselfishness. It is only this feeling that can remove the self-centered motives that cause people to deceive and misuse one another. If you have a sincere and open heart, you naturally feel self-worth and confidence, and there is no need to be fearful of others.

I believe that at every level of society—*familial* relating to a family, tribal, national and international—the key to a happier and more successful world is the growth of *compassion* sympathy for others, including a desire to help. We do not need to become religious, nor do we need to believe in an *ideology* a system of social beliefs. All that is necessary is for each of us to develop our good human qualities.

I try to treat whoever I meet as an old friend. This gives me a genuine feeling of happiness. It is the time to help create a happier world.

**Cloze for “Compassion and the World”**

**DIRECTIONS:** Write the appropriate phrase from the following list that is the correct synonym for each of the italicized words or phrases in the blank provided. To make sure that the synonym makes sense, read the sentence substituting the synonym for the italicized word or phrase.

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| a system of social beliefs | thoughtful and insightful |
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***“Compassion and the World”* Multiple-Choice Questions**

**Directions for answering multiple-choice questions:** Choose the BEST answer for each of the questions. You may review the text you have highlighted.

1. Read the sentence below:

**If we are to protect this home of ours, each of us needs to experience a vivid sense of universal altruism.**

What does **universal altruism** mean in the sentence?

1. offering food and shelter
2. a desire to help
3. sympathy for others
4. all of the above

2. Considering what he wrote about in this selection, H. H. the Fourteenth Dalai Lama would **MOST LIKELY** agree with which of the following statements?

1. People need to be religious.
2. People should live in harmony.
3. We are basically different from one another.
4. We should act on our self-centered motives.

3. Read the sentence below:

**It is foolish to dwell on external differences, because our basic natures are the same.**

What does **external differences** mean in the sentence?

1. the color of our skin
2. our gender
3. our clothing
4. all of the above

4. What is the meaning of *ultimately* in line #7?

E. finally

F. often

G. sometimes

H. whenever

5. What writing genre does the author use in this passage?

1. explanatory
2. descriptive
3. persuasive
4. narrative

6. The author ends the passage

1. a rhetorical question
2. personification
3. a call to action
4. religious doctrine

***“Compassion and the World”* Guided Highlighted Reading for Summary**

**(Close and Critical Reading Question 1)**

**Directions:** With a highlighter pen, follow the prompts of the teacher and highlight what the prompts instruct you to highlight.

**The teacher reads the following:**

In the title find and highlight the topic of the essay. (*“Compassion and the World”*)

In line #1: Find and highlight what the author says will contribute to the improvement of the human community. (“*Individual happiness*…”)

In line #3: Find and highlight what we all share. (“…need for love…”)

In line #6: Find and highlight what we should not dwell on. (“…external differences…”)

In line #10: Find and highlight what the author says we need to feel self-worth and confidence. (“…a sincere and open heart...”)

In line #13: Find and highlight what the author says we need to grow. (compassion)

In line #15: Find and highlight what the author thinks we need to develop. (“…our good human qualities.”)

In lines #16 and #17: Find and highlight what we should do to improve the human community. (“It is the time to help create a happier world.”)

**Answers to multiple-choice questions: 1. D, 2. F, 3. D, 4. E, 5. C, 6. G**

***“Compassion and the World”* Guided Highlighted Reading for Craft**

**(Close and Critical Reading Question 2)**

**Read the following prompts as students highlight as directed:**

In line #3, find and highlight the word the author uses to introduce his first logical argument. (Because)

In line #4, find and highlight the three words the author uses to emphasize how close all people are to each other. (“…brother or sister…”)

In line #7, find and highlight the word the author uses to introduce his second logical argument. (Ultimately)

In line #12, find and highlight the two words the author uses to tell readers that what he is writing is personal. (“I believe…”)

In line #12, find and highlight the four words that the author uses to clarify “…every level of society.” (“…familial, tribal, national and international…)

In line #16, find and highlight the two words the author uses to tell readers that what he is writing is personal. (“I try…”)

In line #17, find and highlight the author’s call to action. (“It is the time to help create a happier world.”)

**Close and Critical Reading—Suggested Response**

**What does the text say? (Restatement: Briefly summarize *“Compassion and the World”* at the literal level.)**

*In this essay, the Dalai Lama convinces us with logic that we should have compassion for others to gain our own happiness and “…create a happier world.” He begins by saying that we all have a need for love, and that makes us brothers and sisters. He goes on to say that we need to develop “universal altruism” in order to live on this small planet together. We need to “…to develop our good human qualities” to “…create a happier world.”*

**How does the author say it? (Description: In other words, what techniques of craft and structure does the author use? What are the genre, format, organization, features, word choice, figures of speech, etc.?)**

*This* ***essay*** *is* ***persuasive****; the Dalai Lama uses* ***logic*** *as his main persuasive technique. He begins the first and second paragraphs with “Because” and “Ultimately” and makes statements that appeal to the readers’* ***logic*** *such as, “Because we all share an identical need for love, it is possible to feel that anybody we meet, in whatever circumstances, is a brother or sister.” He uses* ***negative*** *statements to convince readers to act positively such as “It is foolish to dwell on external differences…” and “…self-centered motives that cause people to deceive and misuse one another.”* *The title identifies the* ***topic****. The author focuses on his beliefs, beginning his last two paragraphs with “I believe…” and “I try…” The Dalai Lama ends with a* ***call to action*** *“It is the time to help create a happier world*.” (Words in boldface refer to author’s craft, structure, and perspective.)

**What does the text mean? (Interpretation: What is the theme or thesis and how do the author’s choice of content, structure, and craft combine to achieve his/her purpose?)**

**So what? (Evaluation and Integration: What does the theme or thesis mean in your life and/or in the lives of others—text-to-self, text-to-text, and/or text-to-world?)**

Answers will vary.

***Pale Blue Dot* Guided Highlighted Reading for Theme through Evidence**

**(Close and Critical Reading Question 3)**

* In the last three paragraphs, find and highlight the evidence the author uses to emphasize the need for humans to live harmoniously. (*the is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves, The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. …it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another)*
* Find and highlight the paragraph that implies the author’s belief about living harmoniously. *(entire second paragraph)*
* In the last paragraph find and highlight the basic reason for living together harmoniously*. (to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot)*
* In the third paragraph find and highlight the sentence Carol Sagan employs to emphasize man’s insignificance. *(Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot.)*

***“Compassion and the World”* Guided Highlighted Reading for Theme through Evidence**

**(Close and Critical Reading Question 3)**

* In paragraph one and two find and highlight the evidence the author uses to emphasize the need for humans to live harmoniously. (*we all share an identical need for love, there is no significant division between us and other people, our basic natures are the same, this small planet is our only home,)*
* In paragraph two and three, find and highlight the evidence in the text that reveals the author’s beliefs about living harmoniously. (*humanity is one, the key to a happier and more successful world is the growth of compassion)*
* In paragraph two find and highlight the basic reason for living together harmoniously*. (to protect this home of us)*
* In the third paragraph find and highlight the sentence Dalai Lama employs to emphasize man’s significance in the world. *(I believe that at every level of society – familial, tribal, national and international – the key to a happier and more successful world is the growth of compassion.}*