

Here on Earth: Graphic Overview to summarise and reflect during reading

Instructions

As you read *Here on Earth* by Tim Flannery, complete the overview below by typing directly into the cells. The purposes of this overview are to help you keep track of your reading and encourage you to read actively, thoughtfully and critically. The following guidelines will assist you.

- **Page numbers:** record the first and last page of each chapter. This will allow you to find information quickly as you complete activities later.
- **Key messages and quotations:** summarise the most important points made in the chapter. Also record one or two quotations that you consider to be critical for understanding Flannery's message.
- **Connections:** As you read, think consciously about connections you are making. The connections can be: (a) between different sections of this book or with other books/articles you have read; (b) with your own experiences and understanding; (c) with events occurring in the world outside the book.
- **Comments and questions:** Record comments about what you are reading and any questions that occur to you. While questions could be about subject matter that puzzles you, also ask questions that interrogate the ideas and concepts explained in the book. These comment and question starters might help you:

Comment and conclusion starters	Question starters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I remember... OR This reminds me of... • From what Flannery says, I know/understand that... • I was amazed by... • The assumption here is... • This contradicts.... OR This seems to ignore... • Flannery has influenced me to believe... OR I agree that... • Flannery has made a compelling case for...because... • I am not convinced by...because...and would need to know... • Elsewhere, I have read... • If <i>[fill in the blank]</i> is true, then does this mean that... • I conclude/infer that... • In summary... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does <i>[insert word or phrase]</i> mean? • What does Flannery mean when he writes...? • Is it assumed that I already know...? • Why is Flannery telling me...? • What evidence is there for...? • What would happen if...? • Is there another perspective on...? • Whose interests does <i>[fill in the blank]</i> serve? • Is this downplaying...? • What actions can I take in order to...?

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Chapter number & title	Page numbers	Key messages & quotations	Connections	My comments, conclusions & questions
Foreword				
Section 1: Mother Nature or Monster Earth?				
1: Evolution's Motive Force				
2: Of Genes, Mnemes & Destruction				
3: Evolution's Legacy				
4: A Fresh Look at Earth				
5: The Commonwealth of Virtue				
Section 2: A Turbulent Youth				
6: Man the Disrupter				
7: New Worlds				
8: Biophilia				
Section 3: Ever Since Agriculture				
9: Superorganisms				
10: Superorganismic Glue				
11: Ascent of the Ultimate Superorganism				
Section 4: Toxic Climax?				
12: War against Nature?				
13: Gaia-killers?				
14: The Eleventh Hour?				
15: Undoing the Work of Ages				
Section 5: Our Present State				

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16: The Stars of Heaven				
17: Discounting the Future				
18: Greed and the Market				
19: Of War & Inequality				
20: A New Tool Kit				
21: Governance				
22: Restoring the Life-force				
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Endnotes		<i>[Note: Summarise the types, range & credibility of sources.]</i>		
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