

Form groups of 3–4. Each group will be assigned one of the rows below on which to focus. For that aspect, consider to what extent the novel reinforces or critiques the dominance of the environment by human beings. Find examples of how these elements of nature have been represented in the novel.

Environmental aspect of the text	Example and page reference	Literary devices used within the example	View of the environment	Reader response
Nature as a healer – the apothecary or figure of naturopathy	Nature as a healer. e.g. p. 201 Agnes advises using _____ root to help delivery of a baby in the breech position.			
Nature as transportation				
Nature as a danger/threat and the final frontier – include elements of weather				

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Nature as sustenance enabling survival through provisions of food and pastoralism				
Nature as utility e.g. shelter				
Nature as seasonal and ritualistic				