After watching a movie or listening to a TEDtalk or reading a piece of literature, a poem, or any other piece of writing, fill in the chart below. When complete, file into your “Inquiry” folder OR print and keep for future reference. Your teacher may ask to keep your work as an example to expand understanding in the class

**Title** The Sea Devil + A Mountain Journey **Your name:** Hanna Hosseinzadeh

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| **Which Essential Question(s) is addressed in this piece of literature?** | **Content:**   1. What happens in the text/movie/Talk? 2. What is the main message/theme? | **Understanding:**  How does the text answer the EQ?  *Answer in full sentences. Record relevant quotes and page numbers/lines if needed.* |
| Why do we, as humans, feel superior towards nature ? | 1. The Sea Devil – A man, unnamed, has a “hobby” of going casting *alone* at night… One night, the man expierences a life or death battle with a sting ray. The ray pulls the man into the water and starts swimming, the man ends up drowining (at first) but barely ables to escape by cutting the rope holding them together. A plane then flies overhead – a suggestion of mankind’s superiority over nature.   A Mountain Journey – Dave Conroy, a trapper, alone in the wilderness. Dave is on a trapping journey, he sets out into the wild, on a mountainside obviously.. throughout his journey he suffers horrible luck, although it is partly his fault, he decides to keep going forward instead of stopping, miles back and making camp for the night… to his luck he finds out that the cabins he was skiing towards, have been burnt down. During his long journey, he also fell through the ice and froze his fingers. Dave Conroy ended up deciding to lie down, take a rest and wait for his “friends” (imaginary) to come and save him. Dave ended up dying.  b) Theme Statement: Excessive pride and arrogance can lead to a conflict with nature.. can lead to extreme consequences. | The texts answer the essential question “Why do we, as humans, feel superior towards nature,” as evidenced by the fact that both the characters thought that humans are superior to nature and that we are more “powerful.” We take nature for granted, as did both men in the story.. the man in *The Sea Devil* goes casting alone, and while casting he thinks that he can catch the manta ray, little does he know that the manta ray would end up pulling him in the water and almost kill him(the hunter became the hunted). Dave Conroy, protagonist of “A Mountain Journey,” makes a poor decision by continuing to ski instead of stop and make camp for the night a few miles back, which leads to him falling through ice.. freezing his toes.. and eventually dying. The character in “The Sea Devil” essentially learns his lesson and changes his perspective on nature, he learns that nature controls US and that it is more powerful. Unfortunately, this problem still exists in 2016 and we, as humans don’t see how capable nature can be. As explained in the video “I am Nature” by Julia Roberts, humans come and go, but nature, nature is always here to clean up our mess and look after us, we need to appreciate that. To conclude, I would like to state that we, as humans feel superior towards nature because we’ve been taught to do so, we got it from our parents, our parents got it from their parents, and so on. We can make a change if we all do something small about it! |