

Climate change in literature: water

Too *little* water:

Questions e.g.: the ethical questions connected with diminishing water resources globally (Should rich countries give up growth?)

| Genre | Title/author | Comments/ description |
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| Poem | Dorothea MacKellar: <i>My Country</i> (1904) (can be found via Google) | "I love a sunburnt country [...] of droughts and flooding rains" (Australian Bush poetry) |
| Slide show | Slide show with the title "Drought and the Food Chain" (can be found at www.nyt.com) | Shows drought in Australia |
| Slide show | Slide show with the title "A Devastating Drought Sweeps across Kenya" (can be found at www.nyt.com) | Shows drought in Kenya |
| Novel | Doris Lessing: <i>Dann and Mara</i> (1999) | An Ice Age brought on by our ecological rapaciousness is receding, bringing lethal drought to the Southern land of "Ifric," where seven- year-old Mara lives with her younger brother, Dann. Mara's thirst for knowledge outpaces the thirst for water that, over the years, drives her and Dann towards the icy North, where remnants of today's technological glories still exist. |
| Short story | in Tom Bissell: <i>God Lives in St. Petersburg</i> (Faber & Faber, 2006): <i>Aral</i> (adapted + with word list) | Background on the Aral disaster at: (e.g.) www.africanwater.org or www.rferl.org Bissell: On the bitterness of the local population caused by the "depletion" of the Aral Sea |

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| Article | the Guardian (07/03/10) <i>How food and water are driving ...</i> | An article about the conflict between the developed world's demand for (exotic) food and bio-fuel [land-grabbing in 20 African countries] and the underdeveloped countries' need for basic food. |
| Article | the Guardian (14/05/08): <i>Barcelona forced to import emergency water</i> (Can be found at www.guardian.co.uk) the Independent (24/05/08): <i>Spain's drought: a glimpse of our future?</i> | On the consequences of tourism, of internal dispute between e.g. Madrid and Barcelona - and on Spain as an example of what is to come |
| Article | the New York Times (17/04/08): <i>A drought in Australia ...</i> (Can be found at www.nytimes.com) | On how a drought in Australia led to a global rise in food prices |
| Article | the Guardian (28/09/09): <i>Adelaide latest victim ...</i> (Can be found at www.guardian.co.uk) | (including list of "cities around the world under water stress") |