Topic: Compare and contrast the different types of relationships humans have with nature. Include examples from your own experience and the different texts we have read or viewed. After comparing and contrasting, make a claim about what you feel are our rights and responsibilities toward the natural world in general. Provide reasons and evidence to support your claim.

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Use the following organizer to help you find, organize, and analyze details from *The Grapes of Wrath* that most strongly demonstrate the theme on which your paper will focus.

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Step Two: Write your thesis
Your thesis should be an interesting, complex sentence that explicitly states what theme is most strongly communicated in *The Grapes of Wrath* and how it is portrayed.

Message:  
Theme:  
How it is portrayed:

Thesis:  
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Step Three: Write an Essay

Write an essay in which you explain what theme is most strongly communicated in *The Grapes of Wrath* using evidence that supports your claim. In addition, address how this theme is still relevant in today's society using examples.