

Read the Following Passage

Aldo Leopold, Forester, Wildlife Ecologist, and Writer (1888-1948)

"To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering."

"Once you learn to read the land, I have no fear of what you will do to or with it. And I know many pleasant things it will do to you."

Aldo Leopold had a unique gift for communicating the science of ecology and is best known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac*, a landmark collection of essays and sketches dealing with the relationship between land and people. It was as a young boy that he **started** to develop life-long connections to the land. He grew up in Iowa along the Mississippi River and **explored** the wild prairies, woods and streams near his home. After graduating from Yale, he **served** for nineteen years in the southwest for the US Forest Service. In 1933, he wrote the seminal book *Game Management* which **established** the new field of wildlife ecology. Subsequently, the department of Game Management was first established at the University of Wisconsin of which he was the first chairman. His life's work **guided** him to see the land as a living organism and he eloquently **promoted** the idea of a land ethic and the meaning of what it is to live in harmony with land and one another.

Leading Minds in the Ecological Movement, by Michele Altherr. (Google, Famous ecologists) <http://www.pajaritoeec.org/guides/ecologists.php>