ONLINE 9.6

AP Prompt Analysis

Prompt:
The naturalist and explorer John Muir has left us a journal of his life and thoughts that is brimming with insight and brilliance. Analyze the following passage for its diction, tone and syntax. Explain how these elements are well suited to the theme of this passage.

superficial topic	Muir's ideas	(Use the space below to *identify* theme, language, and devices.)
global focus	theme of passage	*The hope of the world lies in wild nature*
secondary foci	analyze diction, tone, and syntax	*descriptive, metaphorical, complex*

Student's controlling idea:
Through his use of descriptive language, metaphors, and complex syntax, Muir conveys the idea that the hope of the world lies in wild nature.

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