

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / **Picture** / LyricDate 9/13/13Title Pale Blue DotAuthor / Director / Voyager I spaceprobe

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

My friends told me about it, I became interested in it

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This photograph was taken by the Voyager I spaceprobe in 1990. It was 3.7 billion miles away from earth when it took this picture. It puts earth in its place and shows how tiny it is in the vastness of space. Earth is shown as 0.12 of a pixel in this photograph, showing how tiny earth is in the grand scheme of things. "All of human history has happened on that tiny pixel, which is our only home" -Carl Sagan

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

This is a scientific phot taken by a spacecraft, but it can also bring up some religious questions. The whole point of Carl Sagan requesting NASA to take this picture was so he could show how tiny earth was, and he did just that. It really makes us stop and take time out of our "busy" lives to ponder what earth has to do with anything in the context of the entire universe. This photo brings up the creation question, and it makes us wonder why we are here.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This photo is symbolic for the silliness of human interaction. We seem to think that we are a dominant race and that we are superior to anything, but are we really? We aren't the only species on this pale blue dot. What about all the other pale blue dots out there?

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

I like this photograph because it puts humans back in their place. Humans naturally want to be the center of attention, and this picture completely disproves the idea that humans are important. We certainly are important in the context of our planet, but if our planet is just this tiny blue speck, then what are we? Humans can do great things and we are amazingly advanced beings, but this picture still has a great impact on the way I look at life.

