

Farm Life – Pictorial Works

November 2148; Heritage Museum

Collected works: pencil sketched potager, greens hardy for harsh winters; heavy boots, scuffed; animals scarce, guarded. Observance: we all work to eat.

1. Culture: dustbowl I. Hale

Agents of Host Resistance

February 2144; Ice Wall, South

Clinic findings: Particulates, round and firm, heavy husked, unidentified primordial core. Observation: patiently awaiting.

1. Sample: frozen I. Potential

Culture Media Atlas

May 2133; Homesteaders' Trail

What they left behind: Sweatshirt, laptop, sew kit, fourth-grade marking pages, salt, ballpoint pen, Matinee movie ticket (Boise). Observance: needs versus wants versus then versus future.

1. Time: never I. Object

The Voiceless Ones

July 2145; Colony B7

Weeping without sound, tongues buried deep, sleep behind the eyes, dark and bitter. Observation: Bitter should make a sound – pain breaking teeth in unwilling wail.

1. Sound: lack. I. Echo

Creating the North American Landscape

June 2130; Colony A

Mandate: to recreate, rebuild, repopulate, re-envision, re-work, re-worry, re-wish, re-capture, re-elevate, re-launch the dreamland. Observance: which is better, this or that?

1. From: nothing I. Erasure

One False Move Can Change Your Whole Future

January 2133; Mountain Region

Report: field fire, volleyed in the dark, absent space/identification/purpose/face/answer.
Observation: shadow play worries the mothers of the colony.

1. Frozen: stare. I. Worth

Dream Merchant

May 2140; Cronos Market Square

Collected, for sale: A stream with clear water; mud cool and dark and flecked with tiny winged insects; a kiss. Observance: memory and dream, past will never.

1. Purchase: take. I. Expense

Underground Estuaries

October 2142; Outpost surrounding Colony F12

Fact: Capillaries, milkfoam expression, calcium

lamentation beneath citrine crystal. Observance:
curious pockets may pull as much as they push.

1. Collect: rivulet. I. Flow

Census: Register of Births

August 2136; Building 37, Corridor D

Proof of life: Girl, short, pert, hopeful, shiny-eyed
broad of shoulder, teeth strong, tender, clings.

Observance: Vessel, ready, will.

1. Stock: soul. I. Birth

