This is an activity that will prepare you for our novel study of *The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy

1. Go to the following website: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/17/opinion/spivak-loss-of-bees/>

* What is happening to the bees?
* What does this mean for the earth?

1. Look up “Why the Yellowstone Supervolcano Could Be Huge” on YouTube. Describe what the “supervolcano” is and what it could do.
2. What percentage of the World’s energy is derived from nuclear power? Who is the World’s top producer of nuclear power? How many nuclear reactors do they have? (World Nuclear Association)
3. How many countries are known to have nuclear weapons? List them.
4. Look up the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Briefly describe them.
5. Go to YouTube and search “Duck and Cover: U.S. Civil Defense Film (1951).” Watch the clip and answer the following questions:
   1. Describe the “duck and cover” technique.
   2. How affective do you think “duck and cover” is?
   3. How is a nuclear attack described in the clip?
   4. What are you supposed to do when the nuclear alarm goes off?
   5. What do you do when there is a flash without any warning?
6. Who is Cormac McCarthy? Provide 3-4 sentences describing who he is.
7. List five interesting facts about Cormac McCarthy.
8. Go to YouTube and search for “Cormac McCarthy Oprah Interview.” Watch the interview and answer the following questions.
   1. What awards has *The Road* received?
   2. Who is *The Road* dedicated to?
   3. Where did Cormac McCarthy get the idea to write *The Road* from?
9. Based on this scavenger hunt what do you think *The Road* is about?