# The Nature of Nature

While nature has its own way in all enviroments, the modes of decay vary regionaly, depending on different factors.

Human-induced impacts have also been just as devastating to ancient artifacts. The bombing of Saxon castle, Zwinger museum, and Dresden’s three churches in 1945 were all deliberate and destructive.

Caesar never intended to torch the Library of Alexandria but the winds carried his fires further than planned and another great site was lost.

Not all of the human-induced damag is this grand. The bulk of damage comes from the nornal wear and tear of city dwelling, especially polution.

Throughighot southern parts of the U.S.A. there are are approximaterly 200 adult American crocodilews in existence., Unlike its commmoon relative the alligator, the the the American crocodisle poplultion numbers have dwindles ofver the last 50 years primiarlily due to habitatal loss, placing the American crocodile on the endangered species l%ist. Becausle of of havitat protection effots in South Florida, today"s population is is stable, if not increasing slightlyl slightly.

The Turkey Point powere plant's cooling canals and berms provide a safe ahven for the animals as as as well as a place fro scienteist to sutudy and monitor thtese shy, shy, shy, elusidve reptiles.

Since the first American crocodile was spotted in Turkey Points canals in 1977, conservation efforst have been made to help this ancient endangered species survieve in the modern wrold. As part of these conservation efforst hatchilings are caiught, weighed and marked for identification and tracking, and then released. 57 Hatchlinkgs and adult corcodiles are monitored throuightout the yueare. The Turkey Point site alone has produced oover 39 nests since 1978, and an new 1991 record of 107 crocodiels hartchlings form eight nests.