

Writing a Persuasive Essay

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Let's Clean Up the Planet for Future Generations

INTRODUCTION

Opinion
statement

I am a sixth-grade student at Liberty Middle School in Morganton, North Carolina. I think the first thing you should do, Mr. President, is take specific action to protect our environment. As an avid reader of books about science, I am concerned about the natural wonders of our nation and of the world being preserved both for my generation and for future generations. There are many reasons that this concerns me.

BODY

Reason #1:
Increasing
pollution

Evidence (facts)

First of all, the pollution of our earth seems to be on the increase. Factories continue to pollute, cars continue to pollute, and people continue to pollute. If this is not stopped, the human race itself may end as we continue to destroy our air, our water, and our plants and animals. Statistics show that acid rain is on the increase and the hole in the ozone layer is widening at an alarming rate. Too little is being done to stop pollution. I feel action must be taken now, before it is too late.

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Reason #2:
Losing rain
forests

Evidence (facts)

Reason #3:
President's
record

CONCLUSION

Second, our land must be preserved. The national parks and wildlife refuges must be protected. Strict laws should be passed so that all these areas are kept safe.

Also, the land in the rain forests is essential to our survival. Each year, more and more land in the rain forests is destroyed. If man continues to destroy the rain forests, the species present in them and the plant life present in them can never be replaced. Action must be taken now, and the action taken must be firm and bound by law.

I believe that you, Mr. President, care about our country. You have stated in many speeches that I have listened to and in many articles that I have read that you care about our environment. It is essential that you, as our leader, do what is necessary to preserve the earth for future generations.

In my dad's office, he has a quote that reads, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." That too is my belief as a twelve-year-old citizen of the greatest country in the world—the United States of

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Call to action

America. Mr. President, I ask you to please act now to save our country and our world.