

Rowan [REDACTED], 5th Grade, Oak Grove School, 2-15-2021
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(: Hi my name is Rowan. I attend Oak Grove School in Brattleboro, Vermont. My teachers' names are Karen Dilorio Bowen and Kate Hagarty. I hear that you want us to write an essay on Vermont's environment or earth day. Well we can all say that our old friend Donald J Trump did not do a very good job in helping climate change. But the new president Joe Biden who I guess is not very new, the former vice president, has done good so far.

Vermont is a very nice state and I am lucky to live here. As much as I love to go skiing and swimming and hiking in these green hills and silver waters, I also am worried. Global warming is getting worse and worse. But I do know if global warming is still this bad in twenty five years we won't have MAPLE SYRUP! But we can change that! We are the future, us kids can save the planet if we all help. Greta Thumberg is a swedish climate activist who is protesting climate change. She says that we can stop this. The planet needs to stop burning fossil fuels. Mr. Beast, an american youtuber with over 50,000,000 subscribers, started a movement called team trees. For 1 dollar it's one tree. His goal is to plant as many trees as he can to help save the world. Donate now in the link [teamtrees.org](https://www.teamtrees.org).

As a skier, soccer player and runner, I play sports in all 4 seasons. And if climate change doesn't stop we won't have snow. Me and My poor little skis won't be able to ski no more.

So a lot of people don't celebrate Earth Day or don't think much of it but it is a truly beautiful day.

Earth day means so much to me. Think about it like this earth cares for us and always will, no matter how bad we treat it, it never throws us off. And people litter and mine and chop down trees. And we are somehow ok with this. We need to change and that's what earth day means to me. And everyone has their own opinion, they can have a physical feeling or an emotional feeling and that is the beauty of it.

Well the environment is definitely changing. It is getting warmer with less snow. And let's just say this whole coronavirus thing does not help. With the first winter during coronavirus it has been pretty hard. In the summer things were light and breezy but now in the winter there can't be a lot of inside things at all. So that just gets so much worse.

We can help the environment in so many ways. For instance, we can have a once a month that you pick up trash around your neighborhood. It might be gross but it is definitely worth it. But wear gloves. Another way is that you could, well it is expensive and will take a while, use an electric car. If the whole world could start using electric cars things would be so much better.