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Why don't we care? Why do we only think about ourselves and our entertainment when there are people, animals, and plants suffering?

I love taking walks especially in the woods where nature surrounds me. Listening to birds chirping and the wind blowing through the trees. It saddens me to think that someday children will wonder what that's like not knowing the joy of walking and not hearing all those sounds and not living in a world with that being a daily thing or a thing at all. In the fall I love stepping through my front yard or going for a walk anywhere and hearing the sound of leaves crunching beneath my feet or in the winter making a huge snow fort but sadly that seems to be coming to an end as every year passes our winters slowly shorten.

One thing I will never forget about **Earth day** is knowing how amazing all of these creatures and plants are because nature and I have always had a strong connection. I care about the little things such as the thousands of tiny insects that are on the grass and ground that we **kill** every day. Knowing that those creatures had a **family and friends**. A lot of people think that insects and worms are gross but I know that they are a gift and they are unique and special and they should be respected just as much as we are. I love so many things especially things in nature and creatures that live in nature.

Vermont is a beautiful and wonderful place where a lot of people who live down south come to to get away from all of the hustle and bustle and all of the heat. Vermont has a lot of tourist attractions because of the beautiful sights especially in the fall and winter but all of those sights are because of nature. If you think about it, everything we have right now is because of nature. If you would like to continue to have everything we have now and maybe more take some time to do something nice in this world. Maybe **planting a tree, composting,** and taking some time away from electronics and **don't use as much electricity** especially if it's for entertainment. Please think of all the wonders nature has to offer and think of the mysteries of nature we haven't figured out yet. (like the bermuda triangle) Vermont will become warmer every year and if it gets too warm we won't have those beautiful and glorious sights and we will start to lose a lot of the animals and plants that live here in Vermont.

I care about so many things in Vermont but one of them is our farms. Vermont is a big producer of farms and all of the food and materials that you can get from **farming**. I also believe that we should not be hunting just for fun. If you are hunting for food that's a different story but you should limit how much you hunt for fun. Think about all of those animals that you **kill**. Those animals who have a **family** they need to help and tend to. I love having all the rolling hills and the amazing country. I also love seeing all the farm animals like horses, chickens, goats, and cows. There are so many wonderful things and Vermont.

It hurts me to think of those animals that are out there trying to survive while at this very moment their **homes and habitats** are **dying**. And every time we ride in a car, or turn on our phone, or even do online learning we are **destroying** their habitats and homes and we are **destroying** this planet, our planet.

I am scared that all of these amazing things about Vermont will go away if we don't start caring for the earth. I recently started to know about climate change and what is going to start to happen to our home, and it scares me. I am trying to raise awareness for this and help the problem by not using so much electricity but we all need to do our part.

Some results that can take effect because of climate change and not caring for the earth as much as we should are, Islands vanishing, icebergs melting, penguins and polar bears and other polar animals and plants dying, **deserts spreading**, and **temperatures rising**. We need to stop this or maybe one day we might have to try and **survive in the desert**. Cute little animals and beautiful plants could die. Vermont can **suffer** by not having amazing snow in the amazing winter and people in Vermont wouldn't know the **beauty** of the amazing winter we have here in Vermont.

Some ways that can help are, **walking or biking** instead of using cars, using as **little electricity** as possible, **using books instead of the internet**, powering your home with **renewable energy**, **recycling**, and **composting**. These are just to name a few. If you feel you want to make more of a difference you can even raise awareness by **hanging up climate change posters** or talking about it on social media. We can do this we can **save** this world by just doing some of these things.

If we don't help this planet we could be the **end** of it. We could be the reason that cute little fox's and all of that wonderful snow in Vermont might die off. We could be the reason that polar bears, penguins, and seals become extinct. We need to do our part to make sure that **everyone and everything** in the **future** of Vermont and the

entire world knows the joy of nature and all of it's wonderful gifts it has to offer. I have hope that if we all do our part in the world and in making the world a better place we can fix this problem. We are the **problem**, and I feel that if we all care about the earth and all of it's creatures including us, we **can** be the **solution**.