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Did you know that there's a garbage patch in the Pacific Ocean that's called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) and it's larger than Texas? Some days my brother and I will come home to beer cans/bottles that have been thrown onto my driveway. Things like this are causing death/harm to animals and destruction to our one of a kind planet. Although, these are only a couple of the many, many problems in the world.

Global climate change is another gigantic issue. It will cause things like less snow in the winter in Vermont which isn't good for some of our animals and plants. It could also cause things like lakes not to freeze which could prevent outdoor skating and other things. Climate change has increased wildfires, as well as concerns of potential flooding and erosion in coastal areas. Climate change is causing and going to cause lots of issues so we need to come up with a solution.

One option could be to keep fossil fuels in the ground. We could help do this by phasing out oil, coal, and natural gas, and invest in renewable energy. We could also keep our oceans clean by picking up trash and not littering any waterways or just don't litter in general. We could help with many other things and we need to start doing them to help prevent climate change.

Another huge issue on our planet is our oceans. Throughout many years we have increased the amount of trash in our oceans. There are 5 major trash patches around the world. But these aren't the only spots with trash in the ocean. Trash collects all over the world, in oceans, lakes, ponds, etc. Once you add it all up you

would be amazed how much trash we put into our water systems. To help solve this issue all of us can go to beaches and lakes and clean up trash and things that people throw or leave on the ground. This is one small thing you can do to help our planet and animals. It's unfair to sea creatures like turtles and dolphins etc. We need to be better people and help the oceans stay clean.

Another thing we can do is reuse things. For example you could go and buy used items as opposed to new items. You could also reuse your water cups/bottles instead of putting them in the dishwasher and using a new one every time. You could rewear clothing before washing it to save water. To dry clothes you could also hang them on a clothesline outside to save water. These are small things you could do to help the world.

Energy is a very important thing in our world. Although energy gets wasted carelessly every day. People waste energy by leaving on lights, leaving things plugged in when they're at a full charge, running the dishwasher when it's not full, and washing clothing with hot water. These are a few of many ways people waste energy. Without energy you would have limited access to your phone because the battery will run out and you wouldn't be able to charge it. You'd also lose service, your fridge and freezer would have no power, eventually your water pump would stop pumping clean water, etc. Energy is super important to our world for many reasons, we need to make sure to conserve it as much as possible. This is because if we lose it will be much harder to survive. Some things you could do to conserve energy are turning off lights when you don't need them, keep devices and consoles unplugged when they're at a full charge or you're not using them, along with other things to save energy.

All of these things are things we need to get better at such as saving energy, and keeping our oceans clean so all of us can have a healthy planet. If we all do our part then we and the future generations won't have to face the consequences of global warming and many other things.

The End!

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