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Environmental Informational Piece

One of the problems in the world is littering, polluting and lots of other things. But right now I am going to be talking about littering and pollution. One of the things that I've seen in Vermont and Calais is littering, most of what I see is on the sides of roads or in towns. Lots of people might throw trash or things out of their windows when they are driving or even if they are just there they might throw it out on the sides of streets. This can hurt animals and humans and this is not just happening in Vermont, this is happening everywhere. You might even see it when you are on vacation or when you are driving somewhere.

There are many ways that people can help to clean up the world but yet we aren't doing it. Things that you could do is pick up trash if you see it, help animals if they are in danger or need help, don't litter and reuse things that can be used more than once. Just these simple things can help change the world piece by piece. Just a simple thing that you can do can make a difference in the world. Another thing that is a problem is pollution, one of the most polluted places in Vermont, is Burlington Vermont. Most of the causes are mobile sources, these are mostly caused by cars, trucks, and other motorized vehicles.

These gasses are going up into the air and making the sky and air polluted which causes animals and humans to get sick and maybe even die. This can be a problem because animals are going extinct. In the past five decades over nine hundred animal species have gone extinct, and to this day lots of animal species are going to be extinct because of how we treat this earth and how we treat our environment. Have you ever heard of the saying, "Treat people how you want to be treated"? You should do the same thing to the world. Because if we don't then this world might not have a good environment for animals. Some of the animals that have been extinct are animals that either were invasive species or some animals that were here, some of the animals might not have food, water, shelter or safe places that they can live in. some of these animals some of these animals are Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, these animals are some of the invasive speices are killing trees and lots of other wildlife habitats. And this can cause effects on other animals that live in trees and other surroundings that animals live in, this can also affect the invasive species too because they can't hunt the food that they normally eat, and animals that they might not know how to fight against animals that are trying to eat them. And some of the invasive species might not be able to lay their eggs or give birth to their babies.

Some of the ways that people can help with not littering so then there is less trash in the oceans and so animals don't get caught up in plastic or choke on something. This is one of the problems with trash. When people litter or throw something near a body of water, this can pile

up and cause pollution in the water that can harm animals. And this is not only in the oceans, lakes, streams and rivers get polluted too. In the Arctic ice caps are melting because factories are using chemicals that are going into the air and melting the polar ice caps. But this isn't just affecting the environment, this is also affecting the animals that live in the Arctic. For example polar bears are losing their homes and polar bears are losing ice caps that they catch food on and look for animals that they can kill. But if the ice caps are melting they can not hunt food for their family or cubs which means that they cannot survive. And some fun facts about polar bears are that they can only go seven to ten days without eating, another thing that is important is that polar bears can only hold their breath for two minutes. Which means they can't stay on an ice cap to rest and so polar bears are drowning because they can't take breaks from swimming. They also can't catch fish or the prey that they hunt.

Another way that you can help this Earth is to not use a lot of power or not use vehicles. This can help because the toxins in your car can cause pollution or can go up into the air and make birds that are flying get toxins in their lungs. And you can also turn off lights if you usually keep them on for a long period of time. This can help with saving energy and money. And another thing to add is to not waste water when you brush your teeth, wash dishes and clean clothes. When you wash dishes you should use the dishwasher or you could fill up one side of the dish with water and rinse on the other side.

These are just some of the ways that you can help this planet. I hope that you can help this planet and try something new that helps this world.