

## It Takes the Whole Village

For me, I wake up to the sound of birds chirping and the sun beaming onto my bed. Luckily, I don't have to put on a facemask before I go outside. However, in some places, like China, people wake up coughing, with smog blocking the sun and no animals outside. They can't enjoy the outside world like I do. The world is an amazing place that is one of the most underappreciated things ever. The planet Earth and the nature around us literally give us life and oxygen. Already, the environment is starting to decline, with global warming and pollution becoming more frequent. In our lifetimes, the world might not be completely destroyed by pollution, but in twenty years, think about how the world will be for the next generation if nothing is done to stop the gradual decline of the environment.

In my opinion, one person by him or herself can't make a huge difference. Instead, everyone can all make small differences. If everyone can make a small contribution, even though it might not seem like such a big deal to you, then every small task can all add up to make a complete change for the better on Earth. It really takes a whole group to make a change. The whole population is one big family, taking care of Mother Earth. The best way to make a change in our environment is to first make art, whether it's a painting; a story; or a poem, about this issue. This is truly effective because art brings out our purest ideas and beliefs. Also, art can inspire others to create more art that can be spread around and possibly make a change. In my opinion, not everything is about us now. It's equally as much about the future of the human civilization and our children's children. As Teddy Roosevelt said, "Cherish these natural

wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.” This means that you should preserve and protect the nature around us so that many generations later, people can still enjoy it like we have had so far. Also, he said to not let need and want push you towards doing things that would hurt the environment, the beauties, riches, and romances. For example, if there a really great car at a great price is on sale; think about how much it would pollute your city. Instead, maybe buy an electric car or a bicycle. So next time you see some plastic on the ground that a careless person dropped, pick it up so that the amazing world that we live in can stay amazing in the future.