

## **My Peaceful World**

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I envision a world where anyone can look at their surroundings and see flowers blooming and trees thriving. This is a place where smog doesn't exist, and transparent lakes and rivers are abundant. I believe that the road to a world without conflict lies within the protection of the environment. And youth can contribute to creating and maintaining this peaceful world.

The world has ample resources to provide for humans. In theory, the Earth can support double the size of the current population. However, years of reckless pollution and irresponsible deforestation have damaged our Earth to the point where even freshwater, something so fundamental for human lives, has plummeted. Our short-sighted approach has revealed that so much of what we took for granted has now disappeared or in severe decline. In consequence, people all over the world are fighting over basic needs such as oxygen. Imagine having to fight and buy canned oxygen. Ironically, in one part of the world, people are literally bleeding, fighting for scrap resources, while the other half continues to ignore the problem as they sit on their throne of greed.

Earth is our home and yet most adults seem detached from the idea of limited resources and are indifferent about the conflict born through something as simple as wanting to breathe. They seem as if they have already given up, and that this problem does not affect them, when in fact people, especially children will inherit this problem. The youth need to be given power for people to start taking climate change seriously. As Greta Thunberg, put it eloquently: "We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

So how can youth help stop the destruction of the land we stand on like Greta. The Youth

can join clubs where they can learn about pollution and have weekly activities like cleaning beaches and parks. Rich adult influencers who believe in the cause like Mr. Beast can donate money to these clubs and motivate other children to do the same. After all, while we are fighting to save the world, we are also not naive to think we can change human nature. Since this is the case, we should use it instead. Children can pick up trash and get \$1 for every pound of trash they pick up. People would want to join these types of clubs because they would be properly compensated for their efforts. For example, when I was younger, I would get a very small amount of money from my mom every time I recycled. Over the span of a year, I was able to 'earn' a hundred bucks. Using rewards as an incentive to encourage people is far more realistic as a solution than pure good will. This project would ingrain the habit of being conscious of trash, perhaps even install the habit of keeping the streets clean. These types of clubs are a win-win because not only do children get to be a part of a community but also have fun and fix the environment.

In conclusion, youth can fix the problem of the rapidly dying nature and help the world replenish resources, decreasing the amount of desperate people. The Youth have the power to make our nature healthy by becoming sensitive, and aware of the state of the environment, participating in volunteer work to clean public beaches and parks, and receiving money for it. Through these methods, we can save our environment from dying. After a while, perhaps people would make it a habit to recycle and practice waste-free living. A simple redirection of Human greed would help us a step closer to a peaceful world.