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Endangered Animals, By: Danielle Steele

Hello and welcome to Endangered Animals with Danielle Steele. There are many different groups of animals that are close to death. Like the mammals, birds, and fish. Some of the mammals are the snow leopard, red wolf, tiger, golden lion, and giant panda. Here are some of the birds, the white winged duck, the Hawaiian crow, California condor, and the golden finch. There are all kinds of mammals, fish, and birds that are endangered. A lot of fish are endangered too. Like the Chinese paddlefish, and the silver shark. We should all try and help the endangered animals.

Fossilization, By: Fernando Manrra

Usually after animals die they are completely destroyed, or it may be eaten or be decayed. Sometimes the bones of animals are buried before they are destroyed, and sometimes they are preserved as fossils.

Sometimes scientist find soft parts of animals but usually they find hard parts of animals or plants. Sometimes they find fossils of bird feathers and dinosaur skin.

This is an example of fossilization. An animal lives in the ocean, then the animal dies. Then, the animal is buried. The soft part of the animals body decays. Then, after millions of years, sand hardens into rock and then the shell or imprint is preserved in the rock. Most fossils are preserved in sedimentary rocks. This is because the soft mud, clay, silt or are compressed over many years. This usually occurs in lakes, swamps or oceans. This is why many fossils are remains of animals that lived in or near water. This is the process of fossilization. Though fossilization is a rare process, scientists have found fossils of dinosaurs, animals, shells, and even leaves.

Air Pollution, By: Veronica Estrada

Air pollution is contamination of the air. It harms humans, plants and animals. Air is made of 99.9% nitrogen, oxygen, water vapor and inert gases. Some effects of air pollution are holes in the ozone layer smog, acid rain and the greenhouse effect.

There are many types of air pollution in the world. One type is the release of particles into the air from burning fossil fuels. An example of this type of air

pollution is diesel smoke also known as “black carbon” pollution. This smoke comes from cars, homes and factories. Another type of pollution is the release of noxious gases. These gases include sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and chemical vapors.

Air pollution is not only outside but inside as well. We can find it in our homes offices and schools. Smoking and cooking can create them.

What things in the air make asthma worse? By: Jacky Roman

There are many things in the air that make asthma worse, such as cold air, smoke, dust, exercise, strong fumes, emotional upsets, and inhaled irritants. These things make asthma worse because they clog up the respiratory system and make it difficult for the person to breathe.

Some people are born with asthma or inherit it. Sometimes if you get a really bad cold and it damages your lungs, it can lead to having asthma after clogging up the respiratory system.

By not smoking the risks of a person getting asthma are less. You can also take medicine to prevent an asthma attack. Even though there are many things in the air that make asthma worse there also many ways to prevent it.

How My Daily Activities Affect the Environment, By: Remi Eludinni

I brush my teeth in the morning. This uses fresh water. I turn on the lights and that uses electricity. Getting gas to put in pollutes the environment. Driving pollutes the air by creating greenhouse gases. At school we use paper. We destroy trees to get paper and we don't get oxygen. When we throw things on the ground it can hurt the animals, the wildlife and our water. Littering can also hurt the plants and flowers. When we throw paper, bottles, and cans into the trash it messes up the environment. We should recycle and reuse these things. If you pour pop on the ground it leaves a stain on the ground. It pollutes the environment. These things make the world a better place.



Ecosystems, By: Myra Sotelo

Our world's natural ecosystems are being destroyed. The NFF is trying to restore these ecosystems. Visitors are hurting forests, so the NFF is trying to keep hikers on the trails. The fresh water from these forests provides over 60 millions Americans with water as well as homes for many animals. Because of this, the NFF is trying to improve the water habitats and the quality of the water. Areas for small for animals are being destroyed.

Air pollution is a big problem. Adults breathe up to 3400 gallons of air a day. Children are at a big risk because their lungs are developing.

Cheetahs, By: Yesenia Manrra

This cheetah is very endangered because there are less than 50 adults. They live in Iran.

Acid Rain, By: Johnesha Jones

Hello, welcome to Air pollution with Johnesha Jones. Today we are talking about Acid rain. Acid rain is formed when a pollutant, such as sulfuric acid combines with droplets of water in the air. It damages the plants leaves, it poisons the soil, and it changes the chemistry of lakes and streams. Acid rain also damages animals, fish, and other wildlife. We prevent Acid rain when we use fuel that burn more cleanly.

The Hawaiian Crow

Is endangered because there are less than 50 adult crows.

Cheetahs are the fastest land animal alive. They are members of the cat family. They hunt by themselves. Hunters kill them for their fur. Cheetahs live in Africa and northern Iran. Scientists are moving them to new habitats to protect them. They adjust well to changes.

Air Pollution, By: Tyrone Banks

Pollution in the air can cause a big hole in the ozone layer. Pollution also causes lung cancer, skin cancer, and acid rain. Acid rain damages the natural resources in our environment. Electric power plants and motor vehicles are the main sources of air pollution. It poisons rivers and lakes, damages trees, and kills wildlife. A really big problem that air pollution causes is global warming. Global warming is an increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere, especially a sustained increase sufficient to cause climatic change. This is a big problem because it can cause drought, disease, floods, and lost ecosystems. Today global warming has already taken its toll and begun to rise temperatures to sweltering heats and rising seas. Also, global warming can be the cause of

a significant increase in ragweed's production of pollen. This can be a problem because pollen causes allergies.

What's the cause of air pollution? Most scientists say that the burning of fossil fuels are the main reason. Fossil fuels are A hydrocarbon deposit, such as petroleum, coal, or natural gas, derived from living matter of a previous geologic time and used for fuel. Fossil fuels are used for transportation, heating, electric generation, and other industries. These problems are very difficult to fix, but it is not impossible. There are many organizations that help to stop air pollution, one is the NRDC.

Wildfire, By: Ramiro Lugarda

Wildfire is one of the most destructive natural forces known to people. A wildfire is an unwanted and unplanned fire burning in forest, shrub or grass.

Nine out of ten wildfires are caused by people.

Some of the reasons for the increase in the number of wildfire are listed below.

1. Increasingly dry, hot weather.
2. Changing weather patterns across the U.S.

3. Residential development.

Deforestation, By: Krystal Waters

The clearing of tropical forests across the earth has been occurring on a large-scale basis for many centuries. If the current rate of deforestation continues, the world's rain forest will vanish within 100 years—causing unknown effects on globe climate and eliminating the majority of plant and animals species on the planet. The animals don't have enough homes to live in. We may not have enough oxygen because of the damages, because if there were hardly any plants we would have less air to breathe like in space. If we keep doing more damages at this rate all moist tropical forest could be lost by the year 2050. All trees and other green plants on earth play a role by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen through photosynthesis. Animals breathe oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide. The damaging of the rain forest would bring an imbalance to the amount of carbon dioxide and recycle.

Ocean Pollution, By: Christopher A. Cancel

Boats transporting oil may have accidents causing oil to flood into the sea, hurting sea life. Beach pollution, like plastics, wrappers, cans, and small nets, hurt the beach environment, too. Toxic waste releases dangerous chemicals into the ocean, which can mutate sea animals. Manmade waste pollutes the ocean, too. Global Warming effects the natural temperatures of the marine environment, which hurts them.

Hybrid Spider Monkey, By: Kassandra Chavez

I did my report on Hybrid Spider Monkey. The Hybrid Spider Monkey is an endangered animal. The spider monkey is 2 feet long not including its tail. It weights about 15 pounds. It only exist in subpopulations. It uses its tail as an extra limb.

Endangered Species Of The World, By: Alejandro Tapia

There are many endangered species in our world today. Their land is occupied and they have no room for mating. In a matter of years they will become extinct unless we do something about them.

The red wolf is an endangered species. There are less than fifty mature red wolves.

The Amur Leopard is an other endangered species. They have become endangered because they have no room to mate. It has had at least an 80% reduction. It lives in eastern Asia.

The Asian elephant also known as the Indian elephant is going through extinction. It stands up to 10 feet high and weighs five tons. It has become an endangered species because land is occupied and levels of exploitation.

The short tailed chinchilla is a member of the family of chinchillidae. It has become an endangered species because the levels of exploitation and land occupied. It can be found in South America.

Many species are in danger of becoming extinct. The people of our world need to take action and help save them. These animals must be saved.

The Ocean, By: LilRita Mangrum

Pollution in the ocean is a major problem that is affecting the ocean and the rest of the earth too. Pollution in the ocean directly affects ocean organisms and indirectly affects human health and resources.

Garbage dumping is the dumping of harmful material into the ocean like human waste, ground-up garbage, water from bathing and plastic. The garbage pollutes the ocean, kills plants and animals in the water, and makes the water dirty.

Second-Hand Smoke, By: Liliana Ochoa

Second-hand smoke is bad when people have asthma. When they breathe it, they can't breathe. Then they may need to visit a hospital. Children with asthma who

live in a house with two smokers are 4.5 more likely to have breathing-related absences from school.

Many people are trying to limit the amount of second-hand smoke. They want to ban smoking in public places. They also want to make more government programs to help smokers to quit. Over all, smoking is very harmful to many people.

Deforestation, By: Carly Hope

Humans have mainly caused deforestation in the last few centuries. About each 6min 1square mile of a rain forest is being abolished. Every year forests are cut down equal to the size of Austria. At this rate rain forests around the world will be destroyed by the year 2035. The forest covers 1/3 of land surfaces of the world. Agriculture is one of the main reasons why deforestation happens. Different types of clearing are used for agriculture. "Slash-n-burn" is used to clear land on a small scale, and more intensive methods are used to clear land for large cattle pastures on a grander scale. Commercial logging, where clear-cutting of trees happens, is another cause of deforestation.

In the Amazon rain forest one tree could be home for up to two thousand different species. Out of all land, 7% is tropical rain forest and contained in the tropical rain forest is half of all species. When animals adapt to forest life, they often can not survive outside of the forest. When deforestation occurs it can cause many species' special habitats to disappear which can cause the animals' extinction. Another problem that deforestation causes is imbalance. Too many of a species, for instance beetles which eat leaves, can destroy even more trees.

Erosion is the removal of rock, parent materials, or soil from the land. Erosion can be natural or man made, but erosion rates tend to be higher when caused by humans.

Three billion metric tons of soil are lost each year. There are two types of erosion; wind erosion and water erosion. Wind erosion occurs when dry and exposed particles are carried off by the wind. Water erosion is when rain falls and washes away particles of soil from bare land. Very heavy rainfall can cause landslides. There are several ways to prevent soil erosion. People could leave their roots systems behind or plant temporary growth on cleared land. Farmers planting crops should choose their planting techniques very carefully to prevent soil erosion from happening.

Conserving the forest is important. The forest is home to many animals. Without the forest, land area would be lost. The forest turns out carbon dioxide into the oxygen we breath. So this is why people should be careful about cutting down forests.

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Ocean Pollution, By: Erick Villasenor

How does the ocean get polluted? It gets polluted by oil spills, trash in the ocean, and toxic waste. When oil is spilled in the ocean it could get on animals with fur and feathers. When the oil gets on the fur or feathers of an animal it can't stay warm. When they try to clean off the oil they might eat it and die. One solution is to put a machine on boats that would clean up the oil from the ship's tanks. This is a law for all ships that carry oil. Also, you could reuse oil instead of dumping it into the ocean.

Toxic waste goes into the bottom of the ocean where fish could eat it. This can kill the fish and could hurt the people that eat the fish. Some chemicals that are dumped into the ocean could be dioxins, PCB's, Mercury, and TBT.

When people eat fish that have eaten dioxins they could get cancer. When people eat fish with mercury in them it can hurt their nervous system. There are laws against dumping in chemicals into the ocean. However, some people don't follow these laws and this hurts fish and people.

Endangered Animals, By: Cesar Rojas

Snow leopards are endangered animals. They are found in eastern Asia. There are about 2500 in the world. They are carnivores. They rare animals which means that if we kill more snow leopards, there will be no more snow leopards in the world. They are not like any tigers because they have white fur.

What is air pollution? By: Carla Salazar

Air supplies us with oxygen which is essential for our bodies to live. Human activities cause air pollution. The human activities that cause air pollution are driving cars, industries, and keeping your house warm. Some experts even say that the fire places, and barbecues can cause air pollution.

The effects of air pollution are smog, acid rain, the greenhouse effect, and holes in the ozone layer.

Trash in the Ocean, By: Iris Crawford

Animals drown and get strangled by the plastics thrown in the ocean. A scientist visited an island called Ducie Atoll in 1991. The island is in the South Pacific and is 300 miles from the nearest inhabited island. He found over 905 pieces of trash in a 1.5-mile area on the beach. he found 268 broken plastic pieces. He also found 44 shoes on the beach. He found glue syringe, even a asthma inhaler.

Animals get entangled in plastic 6-pack ring. Plastic strapping and nylon ropes. Many suffer a long and painful death because they get stuck. Turtles sometime eat plastic bag because they think they are jellyfish. Seals get their snouts stuck in the plastic rings of pop.

Endangered Animals, By: Jasmine Anderson

There are 1,000 endangered animals in the world. People cut down trees in the rainforests, which kills their food and destroys their homes. The blue whale is an endangered species. Blue whales are endangered because people kill them for their blubber. Blubber is fat under the whale's skin. Blubber is used for making soap and margarine. Some countries are making laws that people can only hunt a certain number of whales.

Chimpanzees are endangered animals. The chimps' homes are being destroyed to make room for people. Many people are killing chimps. There used to be 25 countries filled with chimps but now there are only 15.

Bengal tigers are also endangered animals. Bengal tigers are endangered because people hunt them. People use bengal tigers' fat to rub on their skin to make them feel better. There are only 2,000 bengal tigers in the world. India is making national parks for bengal tigers to live in. Nepal's government places tags on bengal tigers so they can keep track of them.

We can help protect animals' homes by doing little things. You should not litter. Do not use harmful chemicals in your garden. You can plant a tree and build a birdhouse. Follow the rules in national parks. I hope people will stop hunting these animals so they don't go extinct.

Oceans, By: Maricela Hernandez

Oil and water simply do not mix. Every year millions of gallons of oil are poured into the ocean. There are many sources of ocean oil pollution such as ships, smoke, natural seeps, tanker spills, offshore drilling, run-off and engine oils. More than half of the oil pollution in the oceans is due to engine oil and run-off. Every year 363 million gallons of fresh water are contaminated by this problem. Polluted water hurts and kills animals and plants.

In order to cut-down on oil pollution in the water, we can take engine oil and other oils to recycling centers. We can benefit from reusing oil rather than dumping it in our water.

Ocean Pollution, By: Gabino Lugarda

Sharks live in the ocean. All sharks are carnivores. They eat live fish or dead lying animals. The white sharks can grow 25 feet long and could weigh more than 4,000 pounds. They can swim 25 M.P.H. They also don't have very good eyesight but they have a very good sense of smell. For example they can smell blood from miles away.

There are several things that pollute the ocean like sometimes people put rubbish in the sea and pollute the water and if sharks were to drink the water they might get sick or die.

To protect white sharks we can stop throwing garbage in the water or dumping chemicals on water.

Endangered Animals, By: Stephanie Nichols

My report is about endangered animals. The African elephant is one type of endangered animal. The male stands up to ten feet high to its shoulders, and weighs up to six tons. The female is slightly smaller and weighs up to four tons. It is endangered because of a reduction of at least 50% of the African elephant population over the last three generations based on an index of abundance. Hunting of the African elephant is now banned in several countries, but poaching for ivory still exists.

A second endangered animal is the Asian elephant. Also known as the Indian elephant, it stands up to ten feet high and weighs up to 10,000 pounds. The Asian elephant is considered endangered because of a reduction of at least 50% of its population over the last three generations. The Asian elephant has four subspecies: the Indian, Ceylon, Sumatran, and Malaysian elephant. A blue whale is an endangered animal also. The male blue whale grows to about eighty-two feet long, and the female grows to about eighty-five feet long. It weighs up to 285,000 pounds as an adult. The blue whale is the largest mammal to have live on earth, but it feeds on some of the smallest marine plankton. It is endangered to a reduction of at least 50% of the blue whale population over the last three generations.

Snow leopards are another endangered species. Their estimated population is no more than 2500. It has no subpopulation numbering more than 250 mature leopards. Snow leopards can be found in eastern Asia.

Texas Ocelot are classified as a an endangered species due to an estimated population of less than 250 family felidae. The Texas ocelot can be found in Mexico and the united states.

The tiger is classified as a member of the order of Carnivores and of the family felidae. The males tiger grows up to ten feet long from its head to the tip of its tail,

weighs up to 575 pounds. The tiger consists of eight subspecies, distinguished by the colour of their coats.

Marine Otters are classified as a member of the order of the Carnivora and is the family of the mustelidae. Marine otters can be found in south america.

Air Pollution, By: Deandre Knight

Air pollution comes from factories, cars, and other harmful sources; such as trains, buses, motorcycles, and motorboats. Air pollution is dangerous everywhere. There is an especially big problem with air pollution in Mexico City, because mountains surround it to the north, south, and east that trap smog. Smog is composed of particle and dusts that irritate the lungs.

Air pollution is caused mostly by man made machines. One of the negative side effects of cars and factories (etc.) is that they pollute the air. They help society in many ways, but are very harmful to the earth, air, and Humans; especially asthmatics, and people with sensitive lungs.

One way to reduce air pollution is to walk, or ride a bike instead of taking (trains, cars, and buses.) Other ways to reduce air pollution are to stop smoking cigarettes and to recycle all of the trash that gets thrown on the streets for example gum wrappers and litter.

FOLLOW THESE DIRECTION AND BE CONSCIOUS OF THE AIR YOU BREATH!!

Things that control Asthma, By: Latrice Anderson

You can help prevent Asthma attacks by staying away from things like tobacco smoke, dust mites, animal dander, cockroach, vacuum cleaning, indoor mold, pollen, outdoor mold, smoke, strong odors sprays, exercise, work ,play .Do not drink beer or wine or eat shrimp or dried fruit. Asthma is a very serious lung disease.

Asthma makes the sides of your airways in your lungs inflamed or swollen all the time. Your airways narrow or become smaller. You get common symptoms like coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath. Your chest tightens up. Once you have Asthma you have it the rest of your life.

Everywhere you go you have to take your inhaler, your other medications, your peak flow meter and graphs if you have them. If you have asthma, you may experience wheezing, shortness of breath, a feeling of tightness in your chest or a persistent cough, especially late at night or early in the morning. Medical problems other than asthma can cause similar symptoms.

Many of fourteen million to fifteen million American people who suffer from Asthma. Asthma can also be deadly. About five thousand people die each year because of asthma. While there is no cure for asthma, it can be controlled the right treatment. You can not catch Asthma from the person around you.

Save the Rain Forests, By: Maria Estrada

To save the rain forest we should use less paper. Paper comes from trees and hurts rain forests. Everyone should drive a car less because gas uses petroleum that harms the rain forest. When we go to the store we should reuse our plastic bags.

You can help the rain forest by education. You can teach people how to use less paper, gas, and plastic. You can send letters to companies asking them to stop polluting. You can also send money to plant new trees in the rain forest. If every one would do these simple things we can save the rain forest.

Forest fires, By: Andrew Anderson

Fires are helpers of the nature, but fires can do bad and good. Fuel, oxygen and heat are very important. Because they make the fire and let it burn. Trees need fire to grow. Wildfires are started by lightning and by humans. The good fires, they help make new plants and increase food for wild animals. For a lot of year forces fires scorched the earth. Fires have spark by both natural cause and humans accidents.

Tobacco Smoke, By: Johnny Nichols

These are things that make your asthma worse: tobacco smoke, animal dander, and indoor mold. To prevent tobacco smoke from making it worse, ask your doctor to help you to stop smoking.

A second thing that makes asthma worse is animal dander. To prevent animal dander from making it worse I should keep furry animals out of my house, keep them out of my room, and keep the vent covered.

A third thing that makes asthma worse is indoor mold. To prevent indoor mold from making it worse you should fix leaking faucets, pipes, and clean moldy things with bleach.

Lake Michigan, By: Salvador Suarez

Lake Michigan is the third largest of the 5 Great Lakes of North America. It borders the states Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. The lake is 300 miles long and it has a maximum width of 118 miles. The Chicago River flows into the southwestern end of the lake but it was reversed in 1900 so that it now drains through the Chicago Sanitary Ship Canal into the Des Plaines River at Joliet. The name of the lake is from the Algonkian Indian term Michigami or Misschiganin meaning big lake.

Kinds of pollution in Lake Michigan include runoff of soils and chemicals, wastes from cities, and discharges from industrial areas. Also causing pollution are atmospheric pollutants and direct discharge from sewage overflows. Types of chemicals affecting Lake Michigan include pesticides, atrazine, ddt, bacteria, heavy metals, mercury, and pcbs.

There two companies that want to drill under Lake Michigan for oil and gas. Their names are Newstar and Aztec Energy. The Lake Michigan Federation says that public health and the lake ecological health are at risk from oil and gas development under Lake Michigan. The state of Michigan lacks an adequate plan to have proper oversight for Lake Michigan. Oil and gas companies take advantage of publicly owned Michigan bottomlands. The people don't have a big role in Lake Michigan oil and gas development.

Environment, By: Joshua E. Thomas

The environment has many problems such as pollution. There are many different kinds of pollution. There is air pollution, and factories, and transportation causes that. Factories are a problem because they produce smoke those get into the air and pollute it. They create smoke by burning garbage. They also create air pollution by cars. Cars make a gas and the gas into people's lungs and they could die or get very sick. Garbage is also a problem because littering. Littering is when people don't put their garbage in a trashcan.

The Effects of Air Pollution on Asthma, By: Roderick Doxy

Air pollution has a large effect on asthma. Dr. Andre Nel from UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine said, "previously, we thought that air pollution alone was not enough to incite acute asthma attacks, but [that an attack] also required the presence of allergens such as pollen or house dust mites to establish airway inflammation and allergic responses in the airways". He and other UCLA researcher have shown for the first time that diesel exhaust particles, a component of air pollution, have an effect on asthma.

Air pollution also makes asthma worse for children. This is because kids are often outside for many hours running around and breathing in a lot of polluted air. Therefore, kids who play sports and who are outside for additional time are more likely to have asthma especially if they live in an area where the air is badly polluted. Athletes have a better chance of getting asthma because polluted air gets into their lungs when they are outside working hard and taking in lots of oxygen. Even though exercise is wonderful kids shouldn't play outside for too long on a day when air pollution is high because it can make there asthma worse.

To help prevent the effects of air pollution on asthma we would have to decrease pollution. We should start walking, riding bikes and taking public transportation instead of always driving cars, which are one of the top contributors of pollution. A lot of kids like to be outside playing and having fun and it is sad to think they might be in danger.

Recycling, By: Monique Smith

The benefits of recycling include, saving natural resources, saving energy, saving the environment, and having economic impact. Reprocessing used materials to make new products and packaging reduces the consumption of natural resources. Recycling saves energy because it uses recycled material rather than using natural material found in the earth to make products. Recycling saves the environment by reducing green+house gas, air, and water pollutants. Lastly recycling helps the economy by creating jobs and helping manufacturing.

If you want to help the environment you know how to recycle. For example, you can recycle unbroken glass containers. Clear is the most valuable. Only bottle glass is acceptable. Glass is normally color sorted for recycling. Another example is to recycle clean dry newspapers and newspaper inserts. Pack the newspapers tightly in a large brown grocery sack or tie them with natural twine. You should also empty metal cans, caps, lids, bands, and foil. Metals can also be recycled again and again.

These are the benefits of recycling and some examples of the right way to recycle carefully.

The Environment, By: Martika Murphy

WATER

Water is very important source for humans and animals. We need water for our body and for survival. If there were no water in this universe, we would not have anything to “quench our thirst” with. You would not be able to survive with nothing to drink! We also would never have machines because the first machines were run by waterpower. We wouldn’t be able to eat most foods because most food need water to make such as bread or pie. You need water to clean off fruits and vegetables, meat such as pork chops, and chicken to drain out the blood. We also need water to wash ourselves. We would be very dirty if we didn’t wash ourselves. There is a possibility that people could get a disease by not washing themselves. We also need to wash our hair because we would probably get lice.

WATER POLLUTION

Water pollution is a big problem to the environment because it kills most of the underwater animals. Mostly people are most likely polluting the water by throwing trash in it or spitting in it or things like that. Throwing trash in the water is a way of not just polluting it but you can also kill the underwater animals. Some might mistake it for food and choke to death. That doesn't really sound so safe now does it? It also destroys our environment because people need water also. We need to drink, cleanse ourselves, and making some foods with water. It is not very healthy drinking dirty polluted water. It would most likely make you very sick or it can even cause death. If you were drinking polluted water, there is a definite possibility that you would probably swallow something that's poisonous or you could even choke on something.

Waste, By: Ramiro Robles

Every single day tons of domestic waste is being improperly dumped. This has a devastating impact on mankind and the environment. A small amount of waste either recycled or burnt in an incinerator and a large amount is left in certain areas marked by the government as dumping grounds.

Dealing with air pollution. How can we control air pollution?

Reducing vehicle emission.

This can be done by installing catalytic converters in every car so that the amount of toxic gasses released is reduced. Another way is to reduce the number of vehicles on the road or to encourage the public to take public transportation. Industries can reduce the amount of air pollution's they release by installing scrubbers which are capable of removing up to 90% of sulfur dioxide from waste gasses.

We can also renew renewable energy. Renewable energy does not pollute.

Animal Cruelty, By: Maritza Ochoa

Here is the truth about how animals are treated in certain situations. These facts are very true and may have a big affect on how you see animals today.

The truth about how animals are treated in the circus are shocking. Each animal looks so happy when in reality they are physically and emotionally abused. When traveling, each animal is packed up in boxes! they are then not let out until they reach where their next show will be at. When in training, all of the animals are abused if they do not learn a trick on time. Even if they know it, they are still whipped and hit by their trainers. Usually, animals need the right care and bathing daily. In fact, the trainers do not bathe them or really pay much attention to them until just weeks before the show. The animals in the circus are basically all starved and just fed treats after doing hours and hours of training.

All make-up and skin products look so beautiful and glamorous on just and on the rich and *famous. I think that animals would prefer us not to wear any make-up. No one really knows how much wearing a little make-up can effect the life of innocent animals. For making eye make-up, people test the eye make-up on bunnies to see if it irritates them or not. Because bunnies have no tears, people can see whether it just irritates the skin or not. Along with the eye make-up, people spray certain chemicals into animals' eyes to see if it hurts them or not. During animal testing, people wax off the fur of animals, and rub lotions on them and let them absorb into their bodies. While these animals are not being tortured outside their cages, they are being cramped and smashed into little cages in the back rooms of factories.

What are you having for dinner tonight? If you are having chicken, lamb, steak or any other sorts of meat you are probably wondering how they even got to your supermarket. The true facts about how you get your meat may surprise you. Animals that are not dead yet and are taken to factories are over fed majorly, and can barley even stand! When its time for animals to be killed they kill them in such painful ways such as, when chickens are about to be killed, people burn their beaks off so they cannot bite the people handling them. While others are waiting to be slaughtered, they are kept in very overcrowded "houses" and barely have any room to move around.

The end result of animals today, is that they aren't safe. So many animals get abused every day whether it be in the circus, or different factories. We really need to help these poor animals and make our world a better place for all of them.

Littering, By: Torkwase Burts

Past on Littering: If we keep littering it will effect the world when we grow up and when our kids grow up they probably wont have a world.

Future on littering: The effect on littering in the environment is that, glass and metal can cut us or we'll probably trip over it.

What can we do to stop littering? We can join programs that help the environment stay clean, we can also start recycling by using composts; you could have separate garbage bags to separate your garbage, like plastic, glass, paper, and metal. When we are walking we don't have to litter we can just wait until we get to a garbage can; we can hold it or either way to we get to a place that has a garbage, like our house.