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Date _____

Humans have a huge impact on the earth's environment. It is your job to get to know the ways humans have negatively affected the environment and think about solutions to the issue.

Plastic waste

Water Quality (choose one: drinking, ocean, lake, etc.)

Air quality/pollution

Non-renewable Energy (choose one: coal, fracking, oil, petroleum, etc.)

Critically Endangered Species (choose one animal)

Use of water bottles

Climate Change

Deforestation

Overfishing (choose a specific species)

Environmental Accidents (choose one: oil spills, nuclear plant leak)

Acid Rain

Directions: Research your top 3 that you find the most interesting and answer the main questions about each to help you to narrow your topic to the ONE you find the most interesting. Don't need full sentences.

Issue 1: _____ 1. What is the problem?

Problem

overview: _____

2. How does it impact/affect the environment? _____

3. How can we solve the problem?

Issue 2: _____ 1. What is the problem?

Problem

overview: _____

2. How does it impact/affect the environment? _____

3. How can we solve the problem?

Issue 3: _____ 1. What is the problem?

Problem
overview: _____

2. How does it impact/affect the
environment? _____

3. How can we solve the problem?

Here is an overview of what you will be doing for your research paper. Environmental Issues Research Project

5 Paragraph Essay or slide show consisting of 5 slides covering the information below.
Description

Paragraph 1 Introduction Hook Lead to Thesis

Paragraph 2 What is the Problem? Background/history about your problem/topic. What are causes of the issue? Who is affected by this issue? Where does the problem take place?

Paragraph 3 How does it impact/affect the environment? What problems does this issue create? What are the pros (if any)/cons of the issue? What negative effects have already taken place because of this issue? Give examples.

Paragraph 4 What can be done to solve/ help the problem? Has a person or a group tried to fix this issue? Describe efforts and impact of their efforts. What more could be done?

Paragraph 5 Conclusion Restate your thesis. Review main idea and questions. Concluding sentence.