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Earth Steward Essay

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### Make a Change: Motivating Everyone

I have seen many attempts to change the way we as humans live on Earth. As of right now we are releasing toxins and chemicals into the environment at an alarming rate. We are constantly littering the Earth with our trash. People every day release toxins into the environment by themselves. Many people are trying to change the common acceptance of this harmful attitude for our future generations. Their efforts have inspired me to make a change, but so many more can be inspired as well.

As I was growing up I have distinct memories of Disney Channel portraying multiple songs to encourage awareness of the littering of the Earth. Around Earth Day Disney Channel went entirely green and played many short episodes of kids my age at the time doing their part to help the Earth. I remember feeling encouraged and believing that if those kids could do it I could as well. I also remember feeling a sense of encouragement to the famous stars I looked up to. I knew that I wanted to be like them and help the Earth in the same way. I can also remember seeing previews for Disney nature movies that showed on the big screen portraying Earth. I have never actually seen one of these movies, but I would like to. I remember that Disney began their line of nature films with a movie called "Earth" that premiered on Earth Day.

I have not only seen this desire to change the world's opinion of saving the environment in the media, but in my own classrooms at school as well. This year, I am studying

environmental science. This class is constantly teaching me the ways in which humans harm the atmosphere. I was aware of environmental problems before this class, but now I know in greater detail. I have seen so many effects that are made from businesses constantly putting toxins into the air. Studies have been done proving their harmful ways, but businesses continue to ignore it. This inspires me daily to make a change so my own future generations will not be without anything that I currently have readily available. The resources on Earth are being depleted or harmed at an alarming rate. This information is very commonly unknown, or ignored by the general public. If we continue to use the Earth like we currently do, the resources we take advantage of will no longer exist.

Inspiration can be gained by individuals in every little thing done to help the Earth. People see someone or something striving to encourage the saving of Earth every day whether they know it or not. Whether it is someone picking up trash on the road or a sign that tells people not to litter, effort is being made. The public needs to realize the efforts they see daily and contribute to this as well. So much more can be done to help the Earth that is not being accomplished now. If people would gain the same common goal, things would get done. The entire Earth needs to be united in this one cause to gain results. One person cannot do it alone, but if every person makes their own small effort we may see a change. Little changes can be made that are simple. For example: walking to places that are not very far, taking shorter showers, not smoking, etc. The possibilities to help the environment in small efforts are endless.

More efforts to make known the bad effects we leave on the Earth are being attempted daily, but they are not enough. Every person needs to be educated on the subject and care. The human population in general does not care. People and businesses are more worried about making money the easiest and fastest way than about the harmful effects of their actions. This

needs to be changed. People need to gain a new mindset and realize what is most important: a life for our future Earth.