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## ***Environmental Reflection Essay***

We have spent the last few weeks learning about environmental issues in our community. This includes energy consumption, trash production, farming techniques, and water pollution. For this assignment, think about what you have learned. Write three well-developed paragraphs that summarize your experiences. Use the prompts below to plan your paragraphs. Your essay will be graded based on:

- **Meaning:** How well did you understand what you were asked to do? Did you meet the requirements of the assignment?
- **Development:** How well did you use facts and examples from class activities and your data where appropriate?
- **Organization:** Did you maintain a clear focus? Was your essay fluent and easy to read?
- **Language Use:** Have you used clear and complete sentences? Does your essay include sentence variety? Have you included appropriate vocabulary related to the environment?
- **Mechanics:** Is your essay free from spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar errors?

### **Paragraph 1**

In your first paragraph, reflect on your experiences by answering these questions:

1. How did your family do during the second week of tracking compared to the first week? Were they able to reduce their numbers? *Explain.*
2. Do you think it was easy or a challenge for your family to reduce your numbers during the second week? *Explain.*
3. Do you think your family will continue to monitor their “green” living behaviors? Or do you think they will go back to their old way? *Explain.*

### **Paragraph 2**

Many people talk about “treading lightly on the earth.” Now that you have taken part in our class environmental activities, what do you think this means? Explain your answer using info from our class activities and your data from your family.

### **Paragraph 3**

What advice would you give to a local family who wants to reduce their impact on the earth? What are three behaviors they could easily change in order to live a more “green” life?

Your essay should be either typed (*plain font, size 12*) or neatly handwritten (*in blue or black ink*) in your science journal. If you type this piece, make sure you use the spell check option before hitting print. If you handwrite this piece, you should plan on writing a rough draft first and then editing and revising it before completing your final copy. **NEATNESS COUNTS!!!** Make sure you have included all necessary information and you have done your best work.

This essay is due in class on \_\_\_\_\_.