



2021 ONLINE ESSAY CONTEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Call for original literary nonfiction essays researching, analyzing, and using critical thinking processes to create an original essay in a narrative story format with characterizations and personalized. Consider environmental issues and the impact being made in your life or others' lives. Based on factual research, use your understanding of environmental issues found via land, water, air or space. What best practices could help to diminish your environmental issue? A bibliography or list of reference sources used is required. All essay submissions shall be made online only.

SUBJECT CONTENT: Research, analyze and reflect on theme's topic. Here are environmental topics or use another topic:

- Provide reasons why water pollution is a concern for us and our environment.
- Explain deforestation and how it impacts our lives. Please include a discussion of the role of plants in our ecosystem.
- Consider the varied impacts of different types of pollution (air, water, land). How can we reduce pollution?
- Explain the role of biodiversity in our lives and identify threats to biodiversity, especially threats to amphibian and insect populations.
- What environmental issues loom in space? How do those issues impact our environment on earth?
- Consider how the changing climate impacts biodiversity.
- Examine how waste management impacts our environment and health. What can we do to improve waste management?
- Discuss a leader's impact in reducing modern environmental hazards to create a better life.

Research topics online: "Texas Sea Grant Exhibit": <https://texasseagrant.org/>; "The Oceans of Plastic Exhibit": <http://www.sheliarogersfineart.com/OceansOfPlastic.html>; "George Bush: An Environmental President's Exhibit." EPA's environmental education webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/education> linked to National Environmental Education Act of 1990. President Bush supported environmental laws.

Eligibility: Grades 4-12 Students of 15 counties in Texas Education Service Center Region 6.

Not eligible: Family of staff at George & Barbara Bush Foundation or Bush 41 Library and Museum.

Essays must be screened by teachers or homeschool parents for appropriate content.

Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and will disqualify an entry.

One entry per student per contest. The Bush Library retains the right to use entries.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: <https://www.bush41.org/education/art-and-essay-contest>

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: Begin Mon., February 1st and close Wed., March 10th at 11:59 p.m.

All essay entries shall be photographed and uploaded to [Bush41.org/education/art-and-essay-contest](https://www.bush41.org/education/art-and-essay-contest). Please include a copy of the signed parent/guardian permission form.

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