



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 sources used is required. All essay submissions shall be made online only.

SUBJECT CONTENT: Research, analyze and reflect on theme topic. Here are examples or use another environmental issue:

- Discuss a leader's impact in reducing modern environmental hazards to create a better life.
- Provide factual reasons why water pollution (oceans or rivers or lakes) is a huge concern for us and our environment.
- How does deforestation impact our lives and is our survival dependent on plants and trees?
- Consider the impact of different aspects of pollution that we could reduce and how to do it.
- Explain the role of biodiversity in our lives and threats that foster biodiversity loss, decline in amphibian population and decline in insect population.
- Land environmental issues include loss of natural habitats, erosion and affect all living creatures.
- Consider the vast hemispheric space and what environmental issues loom in space.
- Consider challenges of scientific environmental issues, i.e., climate change and global warming.
- World population projections are to exceed 8.5 billion by 2030 so waste management needs to target what significant ways to minimize the impact on our environment and health?

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 K-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 3rd 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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