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Shared Responsibility

Directions: Write a persuasive essay explaining why protecting the environment must be a **global** effort, not just a local one. Use evidence, reasoning, and emotional appeal to convince readers that everyone, no matter where they live, plays a role in saving our planet. Your essay should be about one page long and written in a clear, structured format: introduction, body, and conclusion.

Essay Prompt

Every country, community, and person shares the same atmosphere, oceans, and ecosystems. Pollution in one part of the world can affect air quality, wildlife, and climate everywhere. Imagine you are speaking at an international Earth Day event. What would you say to inspire people around the globe to take responsibility for protecting our planet?

Use these guiding questions as you plan your essay:

- What environmental issues affect multiple countries?
- Why can't one nation solve these problems alone?
- How can global cooperation-between governments, businesses, and individuals-make a difference?
- What actions can people take locally that support a worldwide impact?

Be sure to include:

- A strong **thesis statement** expressing your main argument.
- At least **two supporting reasons or examples**.
- A **closing statement** that motivates readers to take action.