

## Shared Responsibility Answer Key

A strong response should include:

- **Thesis:** Clear argument that environmental protection requires worldwide cooperation.
- **Evidence:** Examples of global issues like climate change, ocean pollution, or deforestation.
- **Reasoning:** Explanation of how local actions (like reducing waste or switching to renewable energy) contribute to global solutions.
- **Structure:** Organized essay with introduction, supporting paragraphs, and conclusion.
- **Tone:** Persuasive, hopeful, and informed.

### Teacher's Guide

- Start with a class discussion: "What environmental problems affect more than one country?"
- Brainstorm global examples (melting ice caps, coral reef loss, etc.)
- Model a thesis statement together, such as: *"Protecting the environment requires global cooperation because the Earth's systems are connected."*
- Encourage the use of facts, emotional appeals, and real-world examples for balance.

### Differentiation Strategies:

- **Grades 5-7:** Provide sentence starters and a word bank (e.g., *climate, responsibility, pollution, unity*).
- **Grades 8-12:** Encourage independent research or the inclusion of international case studies.
- **Emerging Writers:** Allow oral discussion or a shorter paragraph version.

**Engagement & Extension Idea:** Turn essays into **Earth Day speeches** and have a "One Earth Forum" where students read their work aloud.