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Indian Ocean Reflections

Directions: Read the prompt carefully. Then write a clear, thoughtful response using specific examples, evidence, and reasoning.

The Indian Ocean influences the environment, global trade, climate patterns, and tectonic activity in many powerful ways. Choose **one** of the topics below and write a well-developed analysis explaining its significance. Your response should show strong reasoning and include specific examples.

Choose one topic to analyze:

1. **Environmental concerns** such as coral reef decline, coastal erosion, plastic pollution, or disappearing species.
2. **Global trade** through major shipping routes that link Africa, Asia, and Australia.
3. **Tectonic activity** including earthquake zones, tsunamis, and plate boundaries in the Indian Ocean region.
4. **Climate impacts** like monsoon changes, warming waters, or rising sea levels affecting nearby countries.

Write your response: Explain why the topic matters, how it affects people or ecosystems, and what actions might help address the issue.
