

## Writing Feedback

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### Section 1:

#1 (Paragraph 2) Strengths: Your personal anecdote about the fishing trip creates an emotional connection with the audience. Your use of sensory details like "ghastly screams" and "melting tears" effectively conveys the emotional impact of the event. Weakness: Implausibility → The connection between a child drowning in a Kansas river and melting glaciers lacks credibility. Kansas doesn't have nearby glaciers, and attributing a drowning directly to climate change without scientific backing weakens your argument. The claim that recycling plastic could have saved the child's life creates an unrealistic cause-effect relationship. Exemplar: *I witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of climate change last summer during our family fishing trip, when unprecedented flash flooding—linked by local environmentalists to increasingly extreme weather patterns—swept away a young child despite rescue attempts. This tragedy opened my eyes to how our changing climate threatens even our most cherished traditions and innocent lives.*

#2 (Paragraph 3) Strengths: Your visual imagery effectively paints contrasting pictures of a potential future. The rhetorical technique of asking the audience a direct question creates engagement. Weakness: Factual accuracy → The claim that "2025 would be the last chance to save the earth" is an extreme deadline without substantiated evidence. Attribution to a vague "Dr. Smith from the Scientific Institute of Environment" without specific credentials or research citations reduces credibility. The dramatic "now or never" framing oversimplifies the complex timeline of climate action. Exemplar: *Research from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change indicates that the next decade represents a critical window for meaningful action if we hope to limit global warming to manageable levels. We must ask ourselves: what future do we wish to create?*

#3 (Paragraph 4) Strengths: You attempt to include expert opinion and specific consequences of climate change. The paragraph highlights impacts on biodiversity, which is an important aspect of climate discussions. Weakness: Specificity → Reference to "Dr. Grave" lacks context about their expertise or research. Species mentioned include the "famous white-bellied shark," which is not a commonly recognized species. The timeline of "mass famine over the short span of only 3 years" presents an extreme prediction without scientific support or nuance about regional variations in climate impacts. Exemplar: *According to marine biologist Dr. Sarah Thompson from the National*

*Oceanic Research Centre, rising ocean temperatures and acidification threaten numerous keystone species, including various shark populations, sea turtles, and coral reefs that support 25% of all marine life while occupying less than 1% of the ocean floor.*

■ Your speech demonstrates passionate commitment to environmental advocacy, which comes through clearly in your call to action. However, your piece would benefit significantly from more accurate scientific information and realistic claims. The emotional appeals are strong but sometimes overshadow factual arguments. Try balancing emotional content with well-researched evidence from credible sources. Additionally, while your descriptive language creates vivid imagery, ensure these descriptions align with scientific reality. Your counterargument paragraph addresses economic concerns briefly, but could be strengthened by acknowledging legitimate challenges while still making your case. Consider revising some of the more extreme predictions to reflect the serious but complex nature of climate change timelines. This would make your speech more persuasive to audience members who might be skeptical of dramatic claims.

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**Overall Score: 45/50**

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Section 2:

Greetings, fellow classmates and teachers. As we all know, our cherished earth has been suffering from climate change for decades, and unfortunately centuries to come. Soon our earth will become ~~inhabitable~~ [uninhabitable], turning into a merciless wasteland. In that state, humanity will slowly and painfully ~~whither~~ [wither] away under the beating, hot sun. Imagine the weak shriek of birds as they are overwhelmed by the heat, falling slowly onto the ground, their wings battered and ruffled in defeat. Envision the anguish felt by the innocent children, their hopes and dreams shattering like glass. Would you want to ruin countless creatures and humans alike? I believe we must take action now, before it is too late. I believe every second matters in combatting climate change. Save our planet now!

#1 I have never given climate change a single thought until last summer, when everything changed. I was on an annual fishing trip with my family— a tradition our family has kept

for multiple generations. Our trip was abruptly stopped dead in its ~~track~~ [tracks] when a 5 year old child tragically drowned ~~into~~ [in] the mighty Kansas river. This was no accident, it was due to the rising currents caused by melting glaciers nearby. To this day, I can still vividly picture the ghastly screams of the child, the melting tears trickling down my cheek as I ~~realised~~ [realised] he ~~had drown~~ [had drowned]. Worst of all, was the guilt that filled my stomach, as I realised I could have saved his life by recycling plastic or even planting trees. This loss is just a mere example of the significant consequence of global warming. Save more lives by recycling and reusing. Every choice counts.

#2 Unfortunately, the truth cuts deeper still. Dr. Smith from the Scientific Institute of Environment has brought us startling news. After analysing countless chemical compounds in our atmosphere, they have concluded that this year, 2025, would be the last chance to save the earth, and save future generations from suffering. According to these numbers, this is our last chance to act! Our last chance to revert the damage caused by humans! Picture the tranquil sounds of birds, their chatters ringing over the azure sky. Picture the sky, a canvas ~~brim~~ [brimming] with acrylic colors of the rainbow. Picture the ocean, drifted into a calm trance, reflecting the harmony between animals and humans. Would you want what I envision to come true? If you do, take action now! Remember, you are taking action to end the suffering of hundreds if not thousands of lives. It is now or never.

#3 Climate change is a grave and devastating problem and if treated lightly, could lead to catastrophic results. As quoted by Dr. Grave, in a New York Times article. "~~The results of climate change would in fact shake the constitution of our ecosystem.~~ [The results of climate change would, in fact, shake the very foundation of our ecosystem.] Thousands of plants would die out, resulting in mass famine ~~our~~ [over] the short span of only 3 years. Moreover, plastic accumulated in our ocean would wipe out many sea creatures crucial to our ecosystem. These vital creatures include the sea turtle, the famous white—bellied shark, and potentially different species of coral reefs." Ultimately, we must take action to save these innocent species.

Although the opposing side claims our economic growth is not sufficient to provide the necessary steps and measures, their argument crumbles when we look at the future cost predicaments due to the environment. Provided by the National Administration of Science, an estimated 76 billion dollars will go to rebuilding buildings and facilities from damage due to global warming in 2035. Furthermore, data signals an additional 23 billion dollars into funding for environmental protocols crucial for the survival of humans. This

data signifies the importance to take action now or face the consequences. If we act now, we would potentially save billions of dollars in terms of repair!

In conclusion, the future lies in our hands. Will we be remembered as the generation that saved the future of earth, or will we be remembered as a selfish generation? Take action before the earth has turned into a wasteland, before earth settles in a second great depression, before Dr. ~~Graves predicament~~ [Grave's prediction] comes true. Classmates, I once again urge you to recycle and reuse, to take action, for the sake of our future, for the sake of saving the earth.

Thank you for listening to my speech.