

To the Future Generation.....  
Look, Listen, Don't forget.

Look....  
The majestic trees loom above,  
Creatures live in harmony,  
Brilliant colors caress the earth.

Listen.....  
The rain's pitter patter,  
Rippling streams,  
and birds heavenly songs.

Don't forget....  
This beauty is not of your making,  
Yet its care is in your hands.

By Emily Long

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There once was an earth,  
As clean as can be,  
But then one day  
When we all came to be,  
Living the way that we do  
We made it dirty.

Now we have global warming  
And animals are extinct  
So lets try and save this earth  
Before its gone in a blink.

13 year old,  
Amber Daub.

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Dear grandchild,

Yesterday, we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of earth day. Earth day is a day to bring awareness of what we do in our daily life, and that what we do is harming the planet and our future. We are doing horrible things, and we need to wake up and realize.

On earth day we need to try to help save the world. We need to stop polluting the air with toxic gases, especially from our cars. We need to think of ways to help clean the air, because if we do not, we are just harming ourselves. We need to stop habitat destruction; we are giving animals no where to live, little by little. And we need to stop taking their homes away because of our selfishness.

To help all of this from happening we need to try and stop polluting the world. We need to stop destroying things because little by little our world as we know it is disappearing. We need to start to do something to prevent this, we need to make a change.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlin

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Dear Future generation,

Yesterday was the 40 th anniversary of earth day. Helping the environment is important, You can make a difference in this world, all it takes is you doing your part.

For example, little steps can be taken like recycling, or planting a tree. You may be thinking, "There is nothing I can do, " But that's not true. You may be just one person, but that's all that it takes to make a difference. One person can make a huge difference.

Our earth is going through a lot of problems, there is deforestation, oil spills, and pollution. And that's not all. Deforestation causes animals to lose their habitats causing extinction. Oil spills in the water kill animal life and make the water undrinkable. There is also evidence of global warming. Wont you please do your part to help . You will be glad that you did.

Love, Erin

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Dear Grandchild,

Yesterday was April 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth day. I am writing to you to say that we misused this planet, and now as the future generation you can be our change.

There is water pollution, air pollution, landfills, and deforestation, Not enough people recycle. People are dumping garbage into waterways, and getting rid of forests to build houses and factories, and there is too much pollution from this. Do we really need it?

People need to make an effort to recycle more. People should try and find ways to dispose of their trash properly instead of dumping it anywhere, along the streets, fields and water ways. We need to change our ways before its too late. Please make an effort to help save this planet.

Kayla W.

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Dear kid,

Yesterday was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of earth day. On earth day we celebrate our planet. We think about how we need to save our earth, and really we need to save it from ourselves.

We, in our century, are killing this earth. We are polluting the water, the air, destroying animals habitats, burning fossil fuels, chopping down forests , and making huge landfills. Now our earth is suffering from all of our mistakes. In your lifetime, you need to live differently than we did, and start to make a change.

In the future, you can do a lot of things to help our planet. You can create energy saving appliances, unplug your cords when your done using something, and recycle, as well as many more things. I hope you'll decide to help save this earth and help fix our mistakes.

Your mom, Jorie Mason

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Dear future son or daughter,

Yesterday was the 40<sup>th</sup> day of earth day. At this time on earth, there is so much pollution and garbage laying around and we here on earth need to be concerned with this planet. We need to take action.

If you could see how this is effecting animals habitats you would be so upset. Deforestation is happening rapidly. Half an acre disappears nearly every second. I want you to take action. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, is the best motto to go by. I want you to help out as much as you can. I can only imagine how this will be when you are my age. It will probably be a lot worse but not if everyone chips in to help do their part and take some action starting now.

Love, Kayla.

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Dear Nephew,

It has just been earth day once again, and I hope it has made you think about it. Our planet is worsening very slowly, If we do not begin to take better care of it, it be very, very hard to recover.

Litter, destruction of forests, and pollution have been hurting the earth. Our rainforests are almost gone and many people do nothing. The more we ignore this destruction of habitats the worse it is, the more animals will become extinct., What about our habitat?

Just stopping the littler and putting an end to deforestation can help a lot. It will help with global warming and reduce pollution. Please help the environment more than we did.

Your uncle, Grant Hershey

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Dear future generation.

Yesterday several people celebrated earth day. Which has been around for 40 years now. Earth day is learning about the actions that we made that will

affect the world. Earth day also helps you realize that if we don't start a change it will soon or later disappear. Some actions that are bad for our world are pollution, such as water pollution, Water pollution can ruin the water that many animals drink. And even some humans. Air pollution is also a another bad way to treat our earth. Air pollution can make the air hard to breath in,. We are losing animals and people because we cannot take care of our earth. I think we can make a difference by disposing the garbage properly instead of littering or putting it in the water. We can also recycle a lot more so we don't have to cut down as many trees of the forests. We have one world and when our materials to live disappear we cannot survive.

By Darbi Rossie

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Think of everything,  
Everything the earth has done,  
Think of all the bad,  
The bad that we have done,  
Make the forces balanced,  
Change that bad to good.

By Caleb Darkes

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Dear future generation,

On this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of earth day, we have found out that the earth is not in the best of shape. We have problems with pollution, animal extinction, and landfills. These are just some of the problems that we face today.

I would like to see in the future that things change. I would like to see landfills become cleaner. I would like to see more people learn how to recycle, I would like to see the air that we breathe and the water that we drink be clean. I would like to see trees planted instead of cut down, these are just some of the changes I would like to see.

We can all learn to make a difference today. Wont you try and help.

By Tyler W.

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Dear Future generations,

Yesterday was April 22, 2010, the 40<sup>th</sup> earth day. We are realizing that pollution is worse than we thought. Just because pollution in our water or air isn't an issue where we reside, we remain ignorant to the great devastation our own actions are causing. Who are we to ruin everyone's planet? It is not just ours.

To knowingly remain ignorant to what our actions are will destroy, and is so irresponsible. All problems start small, and we need to make an effort to solve problems before they get bigger. I really do hope all of our waterways remain clear, and the entire world doesn't have to wear masks daily because of air pollution.

Hopefully as the future generation, you take care of the planet better than we ever did. With advancing technology, I am doubtless that the planet will be a safe place for all where we can live in peace and all species can thrive.

By : Jamie Sweigert

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Dear Child,

Yesterday we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth day, and now I am writing this letter to you to tell you that the earth is being abused, and that you along with the effort of others can make a change to help it.

Our actions can change this world. Pollution, deforestation, oil spills, are just some of the bad things that are happening. We can live in a world without these problems.

Now my child, you have the voice to make a change. Celebrate earth day as if its is EVERY DAY. Plant some trees, re grow, reuse and recycle. Make a difference.

Your father, Nick

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Dear future generation,

We celebrate earth day so we can appreciate the beauty of this world. If we don't get our act together, the earth won't be a beautiful place. We need to help the earth by doing good things to it., like planting a tree.

We as people, pollute, kill, and harm. We kill animals, not just by poaching or shooting them, but by killing the environments that they live in. Every second we lose acres of forests due to deforestation, We can change the fate of this earth. If everyone does their part, by planting a tree, or car pooling, or recycling, we can make a difference, even if done in small steps. Start doing your part now.

Xena b.