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Global Warming

Global warming is a gradual increase in the temperature of the Earth's atmosphere. Normally, the gases in the Earth's atmosphere hold in heat from the sun and that keeps the atmosphere at a comfortable temperature for living things. This process is called the greenhouse effect. In a greenhouse, sunlight enters the greenhouse gases. The main greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide {CO₂}, water vapor, and methane. Human activities are adding more greenhouse gases to Earth's atmosphere. This causes the earth to heat up. 62

My biggest fear about global warming is one day the Earth will flood because of the rising water levels. I live in Los Angeles which is right near the beach so I am worried that the water will rise high enough to drown me. Will the world ever be ^A place ^{where} life can survive if global warming wipes us out? I want all citizens on planet Earth to take it seriously. 72

I think the problem can be solved by the people of the United States if they team up to clean our Earth. The country's leaders should pass laws that make companies reduce pollution that comes from cars and power plants. We as children could do our part to help the Earth. We should tell our parents to buy a hybrid car, ride our bicycles, and walk short distances. Together we can plan to cut down on daily things that pollute the Earth. If we walk to places that are in short distance we don't have to use gases from our cars which increase our chances of global warming. Most importantly, we can try not to use so much energy, and try to conserve energy. If we want a nice environment we all have the power to make it possible. 137

In summary, global warming is the inconvenient truth. It is a world wide problem that is happening as we speak. There are many ways to prevent this problem. If we work together than we can stop it. If we cut down on things that don't help the air we can keep the temperature normal! 53