

Writing Activity: Environmental Analysis

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With **analysis** you break down a topic or subject into parts so that it is easier to understand. In an **analysis essay**, you put the parts back together to paint a picture of a topic or issue. Environmental issues can be complex. But if you identify from the selection and your own thinking reasons why the issue is important and possible solutions, you will begin to develop a clear picture of the issue you will write your analysis about.

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Directions: Of the environmental issues explored in this cluster, choose the one that matters to you most. Then analyze why it is important and how it could be resolved, putting your thoughts into an analysis essay.

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I. Review the selections and identify the issue you want to write about.

II. List at least three reasons why the issue is important.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

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III. Write down at least three possible solutions to the problems the issue raises.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

IV. Now use the most significant reasons and solutions from the lists above in your analysis essay.

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A Strong Analysis

- demonstrates careful examination of each part of the topic
- supports each point with evidence
- organizes information clearly
- ends with a summary of the ideas presented