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In the vast universe, we were born on this planet called Earth, where various cultures and ethnicities, all living things, and all of nature exist together. However, nowadays we face infinite amounts of problems, like – environmental destruction, resource depletion, wars and conflicts, poverty, and many more that make our future uncertain. We are in a catastrophic situation and whatever the result may be it will be entirely our fault. We are responsible for the destruction of the environment and if we continue to destroy neither humans nor the Earth will survive.

How do I wish to fulfill my role as a citizen of Earth? I'm an ordinary citizen who leads a normal life, like millions of others. Can I change the world? The ones who can make decisions which will make a big difference are Governments. Governments can adopt policies and suggest laws, which can save the environment.

We, ordinary citizens can unite and try to change the world at least a little. How? First of all, on a personal level, we must respect the laws of our countries as well as international laws. Very often in order to gain profit people break the law and commit crimes, then the police have to arrest them. We should try to develop a positive attitude that will help reduce crime. In a society where there is no crime, scientists will not need to produce guns and weapons. They can put all their efforts to develop technology which will make people's lives easier and more beautiful. Governments will save money from tackling crime and spend it on projects that promote life.

Technology has improved enormously. It has helped solve some problems but created other problems. Thanks to the Internet, we, teenagers can communicate more easily: we can use video games or chat online; doing homework is now much easier; we can watch 3D movies, etc. But, there lots of disadvantages, too. We have awesome computers but there are hackers that break in and steal information. There is cyberbullying, too!

Modern man is abusing nature and favors technology. We do not have to develop technology at the expense of nature! We can develop technology with respect for nature. Using digital technology, such as e-books and tablets is greener than cutting down trees to produce paper. So I am in favor of computers. We can use scientific research to produce cars that don't pollute the environment. Use alternative sources of energy, not only petrol. Electric or hybrid cars can substitute cars fueled with petrol. Stop cutting down trees which give us oxygen and recycle material. We should make our world safer from destruction. Stop making guns and mass-destructive weapons which kill, and produce medicine to cure, build homes for the homeless. We need to stop using pesticides and fertilizers in farming and produce biological fruit and vegetables. They are healthier and tastier. We use all the means we have to solve these problems.

Computer games can brainwash kids. Kids play them by the hours and sometimes neglect their homework. They even disobey their parents because they are hooked on a game. Computer games have been around for years, but day by day children's addiction to these games gets worse. We should start going outside to have fun. Get closer to nature, do sport, etc.

There are some problems that can't be solved, though. The population of Earth is increasing and so is traffic. There is already serious shortage of water and materials. Overpopulation will cause the depletion of water, food and other resources. What can we do? Perhaps, change the way we think because it has caused these problems and lead a simpler way a life with more respect for nature!