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**Prompt:** Think about a problem in your community that affects you and your friends. Prepare a brief written report in which you state the problem and offer a solution to it. In your report, make clear to your neighbors why they should also get involved in helping to fix the problem.

**Jazmine Hernandez Period 1**

**Do you litter? Happen to know anyone who does? Littering is a serious problem in many, almost all communities. Littering is when someone throws waste into the water or on land. Littering in water can cause pollution and harm for the sea animals. Littering on land can leave trash everywhere infesting our environment. Although some people may not stop this very harmful act, there is a way we, the people, can help.**

**To begin with, the communities that want to stop this horrible problem and put an end to it can come together and think of great ideas. For example, one way to solve this problem is by putting trash cans and recycling bins on every corner block of the community. By placing down more ways to get rid of the trash instead of littering on the ground more people will start placing the trash in the bins. This way people won’t have to throw their trash somewhere where another citizen will have to pick it up or it ends up somewhere its not supposed to be.**

**To continue, another way to solve this problem is spreading the message. Spreading the message meaning gathering the people of the community to tell them all the harmful things littering can cause. With this knowledge the people will learn from their mistakes and realize what danger they are causing the environment. They will start to throw away their trash in the right places. The people who would litter before will now probably recycle every piece of plastic they see. Educating the people about the situation and what its causing is a very good way to solve the problem. This way they will know the damage of throwing one piece of trash on the ground or in the water can cause.**

**In addition, the people of the community can come together and host a community wide clean up in your neighborhood. Hosting a community wide clean up can solve the issue for a while until the people stop the act. Cleaning up your community will make it much healthier. It will also be a great chance to see how much people in your community care for their environment. Get up and start working!**

**All in all, littering is harmful and horrible act that no one should be committing. Getting together to find ways to solve the problem in your community can go a big way. You can be the hero of your community if you just put your mind to it. Learn from your mistakes and fix them. Your actions and words can go a long way in your community. Everyone has a voice and they should use it!**