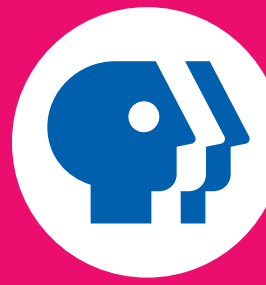


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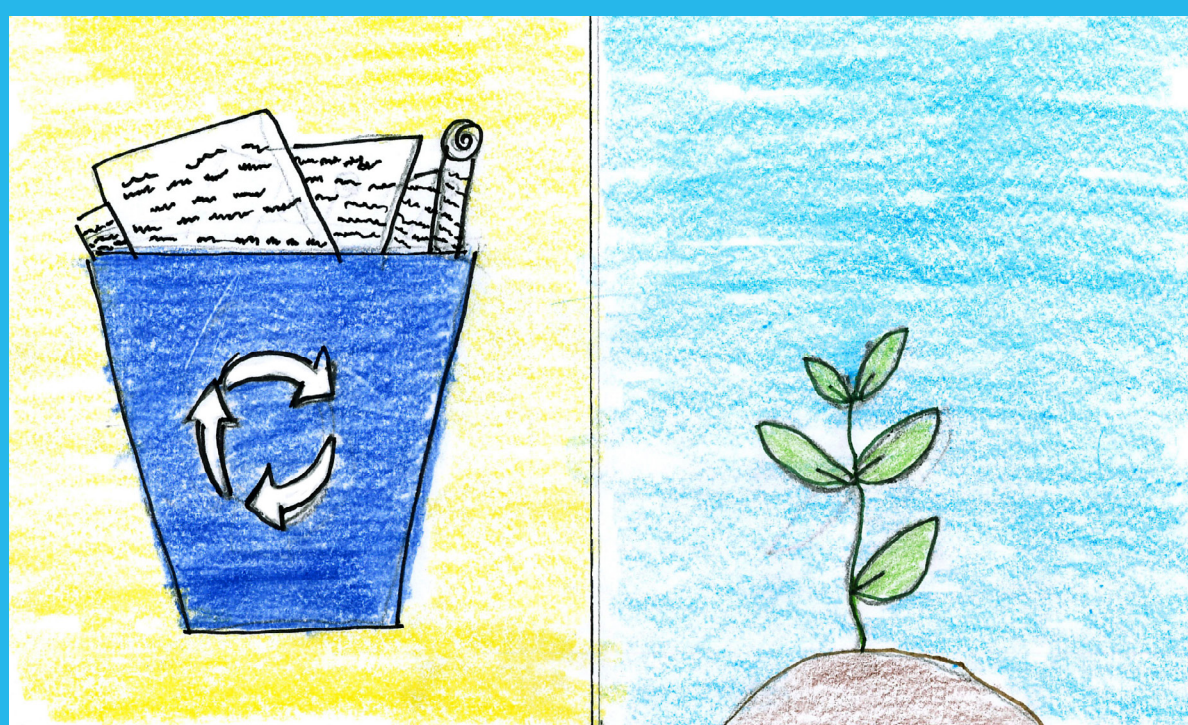


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THIRD GRADE: 1st Place

**"Toucan Investigates
Deforestation"**

by Arika



I am a rainbow-billed toucan
I am only a bird,
But I need your assistance
So may I have a word?
In my beautiful rainforest world
There is a big problem,
Soon I will have no existence
That is very solemn.

The problem is very grave
For it destroys my habitat
Not only will it affect me
But other animals like wildcat.
We are losing 80,000 acres a day
It is called deforestation
Not many people know about it
But it is a severe situation

Saving the beautiful rainforest
Will help me and my forest mates,
I want to stop the problem
Will you help me investigate?
What can you do
To stop cutting trees down?
I have some ideas
So please stick around

Paper is made from trees
That surely is one of the reasons,
Use less paper and recycle them
All year round and all of the seasons
They cut down the trees
But do not plant more,
You can let them know
They need to restore.

Wood is also the reason
They cut down the trees,
Avoid wooden products
Or use sustainable please.
There is also palm oil and soy
Which are grown in cut-down forests,
Avoid eating those products
As experts suggest.

If you do these changes
It will help us a lot,
Deforestation is a growing problem
That only you can try to stop.
The end.