



The Heat Games by Kim Konar

Global warming is a huge problem on Earth. Even though most people believe that man has a large impact on global warming, others don't believe that or they don't believe that global warming even exists. There are many ways people can affect global warming both positively and negatively.

Global warming is an increase in the surface temperature of the Earth. It is caused by releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. One of these greenhouse gases is methane. Methane is a colorless and odorless gas used for fuel and carbonizing steel. When the greenhouse gases build up over time they form a type of covering that traps all of the heat radiation in the Earth's atmosphere. This causes climate change and some very extreme weather. Because of this many animals including polar bears are losing their habitats.

People have many different opinions about global warming. Some people believe that global warming is all man's fault. "Global warming is not only real but manmade." The authors

of this article, “The Weather Turns Wild,” and many other people believe that humans caused global warming. “They believe humans are causing it.” These scientists believe that humans are the cause of global warming also. Not all people believe this; some even don’t suppose global warming exists. “Some... question whether the observed climate change might simply represent normal fluctuations in global temperature.” Others believe that global warming is a huge problem but don’t believe that humans are the cause. “Global warming is expected... to cause the... ice sheet to melt and break... would cause sea levels to rise.” These people believe that if we don’t control global warming that it will flood the whole world. As you can see there are many different opinions about global warming.

Man can positively and negatively affect global warming. People can positively affect global warming by doing many things. One thing we can do is carpool or walk places to burn less fuel. This is an important part in helping global warming because cars release gasses that pollute the air. Another thing we can do is recycle. This affects global warming positively because if you do this fewer gases would get released from landfills into the atmosphere causing global warming. You can recycle plastic, glass, and paper; every little piece helps. One way man affects global warming negatively is by burning fuels that release carbon dioxide. People also affect global warming negatively by cutting down trees. Doing this would negatively affect global warming because trees take in carbon dioxide that the cars and other machines release and let out oxygen. As these are some of the many ways humans can make a positive and negative influence on global warming, it is clear that man has helped create global warming and can help make it not continue.

Global warming is a really challenging problem. Whether you believe it is manmade or not it needs to be changed. If we all work together we can combat the horrible effects of global warming.

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