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**ASSIGNMENT:** *four-page persuasive essay*

## **DESTROY ALL CARS!**

We stand at the edge. We stand at the brink. We have come to a final point in history. Greenhouse gases are heating our oceans, choking our atmosphere, changing our entire planet. Toxins and pollutants threaten not only our lives, but all life on earth. If action is not taken, all will be lost!

We can no longer chip away at the edges of our problem with meaningless “feel good” solutions. Recycling, buying “green” products, Take the Bus to Work Day – none of these will save our atmosphere or slow down the disastrous heating effects of air pollution. Organic salad bars are not going to refreeze the North Pole. Instead we must fearlessly strike at the root of the problem.

We must destroy all cars.

We must destroy all cars for what they do.

We must destroy all cars for what they stand for.

We must destroy all cars to break the mind-set that makes it impossible to see beyond our own most immediate and selfish needs.

*We must destroy all cars because if we don't, they will destroy us!*

A world without cars is possible. But how can we imagine such a thing the way we live now?

## **PRIMITIVE MACHINE**

The car is a primitive machine. It is not complicated. You put gas in it and poison comes out. It's pretty damn simple.

Is it a good idea to start your car in your garage and sit beside it, reading the paper, while your garage fills up with exhaust? No. Then why would that be a good idea on a global level?

## **I AM SO SICK OF CARS**

I am sick of cars idling in my school parking lot. I am sick of the endless river of them that forms every morning on the main road by my house. I am sick of sitting on the bus and watching them packed all around me, ninety percent of them containing A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL. I am sick of that one woman sitting there in her cocoon of false safety, with her Poland Spring water and her Healthy Choice granola bar, polluting the world outside while inside, in her air-conditioned insulation pod, she deludes herself into thinking that drinking fake mineral water and eating fake candy bars is going to purify her body. I reject that person. I reject the falsity of this belief system.

## **THE LAMENESS OF PEOPLE IN GENERAL**

I understand that people are lame and they cannot do without a luxury item once they possess it. I denounce their lameness.

I understand that people are weak and cannot walk to the mall once they have driven there. I denounce their weakness.

I understand that it is the nature of Consumer Americans to constantly drive their vehicles to different stores so they can buy endless amounts of useless crap. I denounce their simplicity of mind.

I understand that our entire economy is based on the production and consumption of USELESS CRAP. I denounce it all: TARGET, WAL-MART, ROSS DRESS FOR LESS, SEARS, MACY'S, KMART, MERVYNS. It is crap! All of it! Crap!

## **CALL TO ARMS**

Young people, students, future citizens and leaders, I ask you to CLEARLY SEE where our present course is taking us. The automobile is the foundation upon which our unsustainable lifestyle is based. They must be DESTROYED. All of them. Even the cute ones. Even the little Mini Cooper that Daddy bought you for your birthday, Ashley.

Cars keep the present political system in place. They keep lower-class people going to war. They keep upper-class people in their mansions and their private jets.

By sitting in our gas-guzzling minivans in traffic, moving at three miles an hour, burning fuel pointlessly, we are keeping the whole car-based social system afloat. Every day OIL COMPANIES make BILLIONS of dollars because we lazy-ass Americans cannot ride a bike to school or work.

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