

Conferring in a Digital Age

How to use technology to improve your conferring



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*Stenhouse Author: Conferring
with Young Writers: What to do
when you don't know what to
do*



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How do you confer with your students?

Turn and Talk



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People Giving Back To Their Community

Did you know ^{gettin sick} people in South Sudan were dying because of a lack of clean water. ^{shorten make it easier} To begin with, there is no safe drinking water in Nya's village. Next, Nya has to walk many miles to fetch water for her family. Furthermore, the water is not even safe for drinking. As a result, Nya's sister Akeer got very ill because of the contaminated water from the pond. Also, Salva created an organization for people to donate to help the issue of lack of water in South Sudan. In conclusion, the people of South Sudan were becoming ill because of the lack of clean water near their villages, so Salva found a solution for the problem.

^{Trans} → what is the problem? To begin, there is a lack of clean water in South Sudan. In Nya's village there was a major water crisis but with everyone working together they

figured it out. To begin with, Nya is from the Nuer tribe. Next, she lives in a village and they do not like the dinka tribe. Also, before Salva came and put in a well Nya had to walk many miles just to get a bucket of water if she was lucky. Nya had to walk many miles to get clean water and that is not good because she could get very sick along the way.

^{Trans} → good TS Salva created an organization to aid with the water crisis in South Sudan. To begin with, Salva started a non profit organization called Water for South Sudan. Next, Salva helps people like

Nya by providing them w/ access to clean water. The organization is firm village to give them a well to get people clean water. Once an orphan with nothing, now Salva started a life changing organization for all of the people of South Sudan who were without clean water.

TS = Topic Sentence
CS = Concluding sentence

^{Trans} = Transition needed

Writers Workshop 6

05 September 2019

People Giving Back To Their Community

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Melanie Perkins
10:45 AM Today



Delete: "To begin with"



Melanie Perkins
10:46 AM Today

Resolve

Did Salva help them or did his organization help them?



Melanie Perkins
10:46 AM Today



Replace: "who sometimes are not sure if they are going to get healthy water to drink" with "by providing them with access to clean water"



Melanie Perkins
10:47 AM Today

Resolve

refer to the organization and not just Salva



Melanie Perkins
10:49 AM Today



Replace: "puts" with "builds"



Melanie Perkins
10:51 AM Today

Resolve

Water for South Sudan does more than just wells. What do they build? You should add more information to make your paragraph stronger.

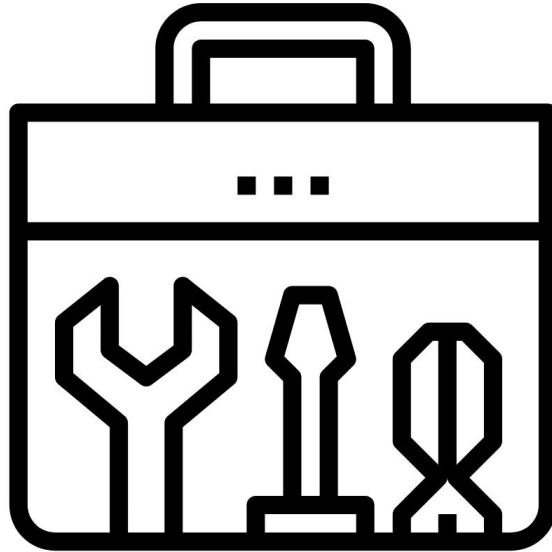
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- Cleaner and easier to follow
- More specificity/elaboration
- Opportunity for direct communication
- Allows for independent reflection
- Links to additional support
- Can view revision/comment history



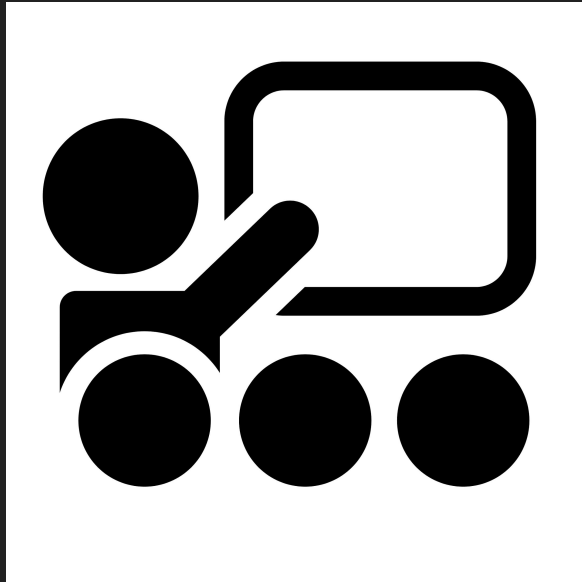


Giving our authors the tools to be
independent thinkers



Conferring

Teacher → Student



Compliment

Avental I tell my mom a solution to get him to stop crying. Luckily, we get him to stop crying and we all have breakfast for dinner and we still had dessert after that amazing day. We all go to sleep with joyful minds well at least that's what I thought to myself maybe not my brother I think that he might think the opposite of me, I say to myself as I fell fast asleep right into a whole nother day of similes of joy. That was a terrific day of excitement.



Kristin Acker...

10:10 AM Yesterd...

Resolve



You are using internal thought!

my swim in, as I watch my board float away. A couple of minutes later another set started rolling threw. The first wave I somehow managed to punch thru. The next waves I took to the head, curling up to protect my body. To make things worse I quickly realized I was caught in a rip, and drifting fast. So all that work of swimming in was for nothing. I instinctively started swimming parallel to shore, but the rip was huge. After about 10 minutes of frantically swimming around I noticed that my board started drifting closer to me. My board was in the rip! When I got a grip on it, I knew it was almost over. I paddled back into the break, and caught a whitewater in. When I hit the sand I fell down, sighed in relief, and kissed the beach thankful that I got to land. I started walking down the beach to my stuff. It was a long walk across the sand, because of swimming parallel to the beach. When I got back to my stuff, I saw my dad down the beach surfing. I considered staying in after my wipe out but I knew I would regret it.



Kristin Ackerman

9:29 AM Today



Add: "d"



Kristin Acker...

9:30 AM Today

Resolve



The suspense is killing me!!!



Kristin Acker...

9:31 AM Today

Resolve



I bet you did!!! I am sighing right along with you!



Kristin Acker...

9:32 AM Today

Resolve



You are SO brave! Strong ending:)

Make a plan to meet in person

Narrative Writing Paragraph: laps

My brother said, "Come too with me Case to get some pizza and cookies." I said "Ok how long is it? Conner replied, about 10 miles an a half he said. "No thank i said" it is to long "Also i am in a fortnite match with 2 people left". So he was going to get the pizza with my 2 dog. And on the way he saw a deer run across the road with it's baby. "In fact it was being chased by a bear and my dogs were barking at it"!!! When he arrived there he got a 2 cheese pizzas from Dominos. When he got



Kristin Acker...
9:40 AM Sep 12

Resolve

this is supposed to be a narrative, a narrative is a story about your life. You are writing about your brothers experience...not yours. How do you know what happened if you were not there?

You need to write about your moment.

Come see me and I will help you.



Kristin Ackerman
9:28 AM Yesterday



Delete paragraph (2 times)

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“Oh I won’t with a blink of my eye.” Mmmmmmmmmmm so good!

“La La La,” the singers sing. With a huge smile on there faces. As I sip my chocolate milkshake I look around the room and see a boat on the ceiling, full tables of people, and many weird looks. Then the waitress came around and I got a rainbow bagel and some fruit. After she left someone came around and through old receipts at me. Here comes my bagel looks so good and it tast like it looks! De



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9:37 AM Today

Resolve



Lets meet to talk about quotation marks:)

Offer suggestions

bites my finger. Stingrays don't have teeth but there bite hurts just as much. I don't want to be a baby and get out of the water. I take my hand out of the water and all I see is blood. I'm shocked how could a cute little stingray do such a powerful and very painful bite. I wipe the blood on my rashguard what I see shocks me I'm thinking is this going to ruin my vacation. There is a huge dent in my finger blood is coming out quick. The second i put my hand back underwater I hear a

question:



Kristin Acker...
9:47 AM Today

Resolve



Can you explain that they use suction?

Student → Teacher



Compliment

Christmas music and when they get to the stage they form a giant Christmas tree. I lay back and think this is going to take a while, but the music is beautiful and Christmas music is my second favorite type of music. Going to the candlelight processional is kind of a big deal because I've gone every single year since I was born. Wow, this music is amazing, I think to myself! I'm sad that it is almost the end of the show. When the show ends I ask my mom, "What are we doing next?"

She says, "We are going back to the hotel and you are going straight to bed."

The only thing I have in my head as I'm going to bed is that beautiful music and what it would be like if someday I could sing that music and be part of the giant Christmas tree.



Kristin Acker...
11:11 AM Today

Resolve



LOL! I can see you doing this!



9:21 AM Oct 8

Resolve



can you cek my writing?

You did a great job describing the setting, I could picture the event! You also included internal thought and made sure that the reader understands why this event is so special to you!

Reply

Cancel

Confer by answering questions

Date:9-9-19

Narrative Writing Paragraph: Universal Studios

"Are you sure this is a good idea? Is this the easiest thing that you could think of?" said my friend Emma. I said, "Emma, chillax." "But I'm so scared," Emma repeated like three times. It was a beautiful day outside there was not a cloud in the sky. My family was at Universal Studios meeting my BFF, Emma Sizemore, and her family there. Emma had sent me a text telling me they would be at Universal Studios but it was a secret so I couldn't tell anybody. You can't surprise Reagan Rice! Our two families met at the Hogwart's train and shared the big surprise! Then we headed to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter because I really wanted to go on a roller coaster with Emma even though she was a little bit afraid of it. We got to The Flight of the Hippogriff and Emma and I rode on Buckbeak Hagrid's Hippogriff. It was amazing and after it was over Emma loved it. The first hill is super super high and it goes so fast. It was really cool and fun. Emma and I just hung on and enjoyed the ride. This was only Emma's second



9:27 AM Sep 12

can you come over her and help me with where I should put my weather



9:35 AM Yesterday

I think I'm done for now ,can I listen to Audible



Kristin Ackerman

10:54 AM Yesterday

I think you could describe the beautiful day more...sunny? not a cloud in the sky? pleasant breeze? Something to create a sense that all is well



Kristin Ackerman

9:22 AM Today

Nice job adding in more about the weather to set a tone that all is well

Reply...

Directly address the teacher

Sudan(WSS). The people of South Sudan were becoming ill due to the lack of clean water near villages, so Salva found a solution to this issue.

To begin, hour by hour people in South Sudan traveled long distances to get water. The walk could take a whole day just to get a little water. The water is very inconvenient and hard to get. Imagine having to walk eight hours to find a water source. There is a huge struggle and lack of water in South Sudan.

As a result to the problem, (WSS) is building water pumps to help the people of South



2:49 PM Sep 10

Resolve

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2:48 PM Sep 12

Resolve

+meperkins@lionspb.org Dose this transision sound good.




Melanie Perkins

5:12 PM Today

Hour by hour is actually your transition here so you don't need To begin

Create a safe space for open communication




9:22 AM Today

Resolve

I don't know what to do to improve my paragraph yet
HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!

need a ton of help did what you did and still very stuck this topic might not be right? maybe i have to change my topic don't know?or stay after some day just very stuck.



Jan 22, 2019

Resolve

do not know whqt ELSE TO DO

Confer by offering links to other sources

Narrative Writing Paragraph: the yard

As my hands touch the medal bars of the ladder I hop on the trampoline with excitement.

"Guys!" I call out. "come jump with me". I said with a happy grin on my face. I sat down to wait for the appearance of my siblings and cousin. As I look up I see a dark sky and a shady figure hovering over me. It was my cousin about to bounce me all over the place! He flung me all around until I had enough. STOP!!! I said. My cousin was very nice so I knew he would stop.

One second after I felt a small breeze run across my face. I looked up at the sky and to my surprise, my brother Kobi was hovering over me with a giant scary grin on his face about to do the same as my cousin did before! STOP!!! I said. He did not stop. I ended up asking him to stop about fifty times for him to stop. As soon as he stopped my brother and cousin ran behind a corner like lightning. I knew I wasn't just going to stand there. I ran around the same path they did and when I found them they were eating something. IT IS POISONOUS!!! I said. They started bursting into laughter. It turns out they were just eating grapes. With A blink of an eye I

You might consider explaining why the figure is shady...is it foggy? cloudy? hard to see?



9:25 AM Sep 12

Resolve

Mrs. A will you please help me with this word choice?



Kristin Ackerman
9:20 AM Today

Here is a link to a synonym website. You can type in a phrase or word and it will suggest other options.
<https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/synonym>



9:24 AM Sep 12

Resolve

word choice

organization and in one of his times building a well he meets a girl named Nya. Nya's village helped combat water crisis in South Sudan, With help from Salva's organization.

Salva helped the people of South Sudan and the water conditions along with the peoples condition by building wells. Nya and her family survived the water illness by learning a way the clean the water. After escaping Salva felt a need to give back to his community which he did by building wells in South Sudan with his non-profit organization. Salva and Nya eventually meet in one of his times building wells. The other thirty-five percent do not have a Salva.



Melanie Perkins

6:18 PM Sep 12

Resolve



Paragraph needs transitions between ideas to help it flow better



Melanie Perkins

6:15 PM Sep 12



Replace: "W" with "w"



Melanie Perkins

6:16 PM Sep 12

Resolve



<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/good-well/>



Melanie Perkins

6:17 PM Sep 12

Resolve



Are they? I don't remember reading about that.



Melanie Perkins

6:16 PM Sep 12

Resolve



her thinking, since my dog died I've asked for a new puppy. I knew that would never happen but it was still in my thoughts. After we cleaned I ran to my room to make a christmas wish list. There was a watch, a talking sloth, and other things but since I knew I wasn't going to get a puppy that was not on the list.

Hours later, It was time to go to bed. I went to bed remembering Christmas was coming



Kristin Acker...
11:02 AM Today

Resolve



proper noun-capitalize

<https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/nouns/video/>

Confer by teaching into tech

I'm climbing up the high straight gripping on the bars hoping I don't fall ladder finally I get to the top. "It's your turn," the young woman tells me. Are you ready,"she says. "Yes," I respond feeling butterflies in my stomach. One second later i'm not feeling so good about my choice looking down at the long drop. The young woman straps me in, then tells me to hold on to the bar it doesn't look safe. But if your like me you don't notice these things till after you jump. She tells me to hold onto the bar. All of a sudden, she drops me i'm still holding on to the bar but my mouth is shut and my eyes are wide open, the man yells to me "Now hook your legs on the bar." I do as the man tells me with my legs still hooked on the bar I stretch out my body and look up at the sky. I didn't realize this before but the sun is shining and I'm smiling. All my thoughts are interrupted by the man yelling "Do a backflip." I do an interesting backflip and land on the nets. Everyone else goes then it's my turn again. But this time the man gets on one of the bars and hooks his legs. I climb up the ladder again but this time i'm not so afraid this time the woman says the same things but this time there's different directions. She tells me to hook my legs then grab on to the mans hands now i'm getting afraid. She tells me not be worried. All of a

box will pop and show you the possible correction



12:45 PM Sep 9

Resolve

spelling



Kristin Ackerman

9:20 AM Sep 10

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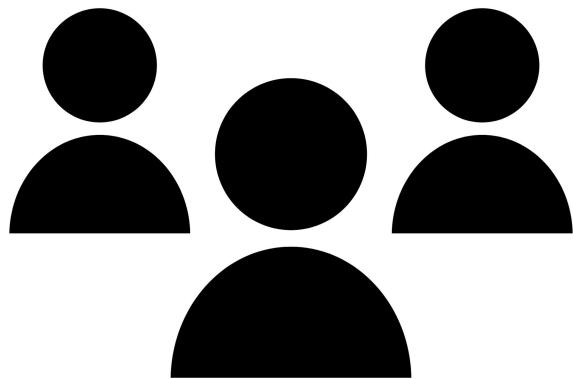


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Resolve

I don't know what to do to improve my paragraph yet
HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!

Student → Student



Student 1

Mr. Perkins

Writer's Workshop

5 September 2019

A Long Walk to water

In 2011, South Sudan started to have a water drought and the only water they were able to drink was far away and contaminated. A boy named Salva Dut has created a charity for South Sudan. Less than 55% of South Sudan was able to have clean water. It rarely rains in South Sudan so when it does rain it helps a lot. The people of South Sudan were becoming ill due to the lack of clean water near their village, so Salva found a solution to this issue.

The problem is that the water in South Sudan is so far away that the kids have nothing else to do all day. A small amount of rain combined with a far journey to have water leaves people tired, thirsty, and hurt. In Sudan and South Sudan they have been facing a water scarcity for decades they don't have nearly enough water to drink, let alone cook, bathe and many more important things. They never really have had a clean water source or a close one. If walking about 8 hours every day in scorching heat sounds bad, then also add a gourd on a child's head,

(A gourd is basically a bucket filled with water on top of your head), when there's all around



Student 2

2:36 PM Sep 19

Resolve



A Long Walk to Water (capitalization) :)



Melanie Perkins

2:38 PM Sep 19

Resolve



don't need because a drought defines what you mean



Student 3

2:32 PM Sep 19

Resolve



the helps a lot has sort of a weird ring to it.



Student 3

2:35 PM Sep 19

Resolve



i feel like you shouldn't start a sentence like that.



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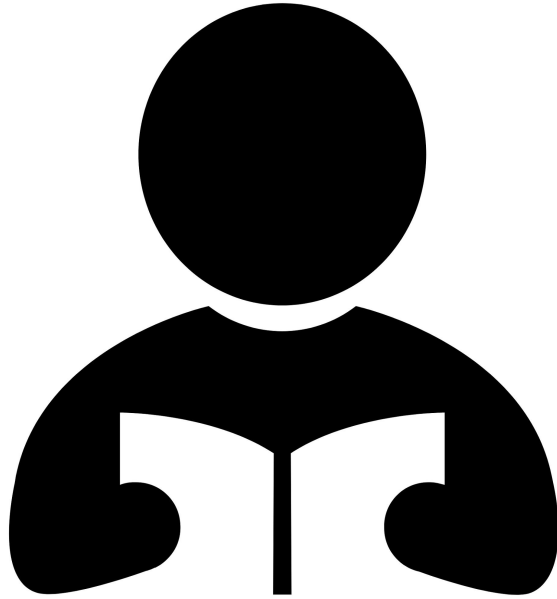
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but to....

Student → Self



Students Reflect

Angelica, Eliza (Eliza) and Margaret (Peggy) catch his eye. Eliza's too. They dance together, and soon get married. Hamilton becomes the Right Hand Man of His Excellency, General George Washington. After many battles, the war is won by the Americans, and Hamilton returns home (fortunately in one piece). Soon after, Eliza has their first child, named Philip, after her father. They are both very fond of him.

Later, Hamilton has an affair, and many people pass away. Eliza wanted to travel up to Albany where she grew up, but Hamilton wants to stay home for his work. Angelica had moved to London, and she was visiting her family for the summer too. He gets to stay home alone, with the children gone too. He gets into an affair with Maria Reynolds, and writes the Reynolds Pamphlet, confirming to his enemies Thomas Jefferson and James Madison that he would not become the president anytime soon. Eliza finds out, and is devastated. After she comes home, they get a letter from Laurens' father, telling them that he had passed away. Then Philip, who is



Jan 28, 2019

Resolve



soon



Jan 22, 2019

Resolve



Am i using the word soon too much?



Jan 28, 2019

Resolve



Am I using 'too' too much?



Jan 31, 2019

should i just write also instead?

floors, stairs, and pyramids. There are different kinds of builds you can make, you can make a 1x1, 90s, and other stuff. 1x1 are made to protect you, all you need to do is place walls around you, and place a floor or pyramid above you. There are different kinds of 90s, what a 90 basically is, is to take high ground, when you are higher up you have a way better advantage.

The last important thing is guns. There are different kinds of rarities for guns, The order of rarities goes uncommon, common, rare, epic, and legendary. Uncommon guns are the worst and epic and legendary guns are usually really good. There are also different kinds of guns such as assault rifles, shotguns, submachine guns, pistols, snipers, and explosives. Assault rifles come in every rarity, there are 3 different kinds of assault rifles, heavy assault rifles, suppressed assault rifles and normal assault rifles. Shotguns come in every rarity besides common. There are



Jan 22, 2019

Resolve



after where to land/storm and building, also talk about guns, loadout, and updates.



Jan 22, 2019

Resolve



need end poncusaions

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Ms. Perkins

Writers Workshop

6 November 2019

Virtual Reality

Virtual Reality has altered video games, movies, and real life experiences into a whole new reality. Although, VR might seem new, different types of it have actually been around for 200 years. VR allows the user to see and experience a new 3D world. The player understands the world through it's five senses. VR is a computer generated world that tricks the player's mind, and it is used to train people for dangerous jobs or just for fun.

VR is a world that seems life sized and is computer generated. It helps people view a new world by using gloves and a headset to trick their senses(What is VR2). Virtual Reality was Created to make a fake dimensional world for people to interact with(O' Boyle and Willings 1).



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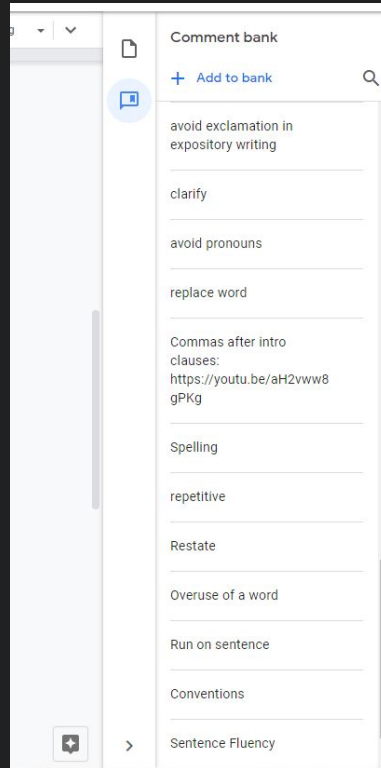
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Note: add details to paragraphs. Also, add more transitions.

How do you see this working for you?

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Harry Potter

Expository Essay

Writer's Workshop

5 December 2018

3D Printing

3D printing has proved to be very helpful throughout the last few years, from giant machines used in factories to small portable ones used in everyday homes and businesses. The amount of money put into 3D printing went up 29% from 2011 to 2013. It costs a total of 2.2 billion dollars to 3D print in 2011. Over the last few years, 3D printing has been a revolution in modern technology. A 3D printer is like a mini factory that can create simple to complex items.

To begin, a 3D printer is a fascinating machine that is like a mini factory. Interestingly,

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Writer's Workshop 6

20 August 2019

The Problem With Plastic

Did you know that more than half of sea turtles in the world have ate plastic or trash left behind by humans? These beautiful creatures see an object like a plastic bag and think it is a jellyfish. eat the bags and the results are bad. Sea turtles around the world are because of the careless of humans, there are steps people can take to combat this issue.

First, people are not careful with their plastic waste. Not only are plastic bags mistaken for food, but items like plastic straws break down into smaller pieces that the turtles also think is food. When they eat this trash, it blocks their digestive systems which can lead them to starve to death. Furthermore, plastic bags inflate when ingested in turtles' stomachs. Then floating is tough and they want to go to the surface and they can't because they are too bouyant. As a result, they cannot find food and are more susceptible to boat strikes. Clearly, something must be done to limit the amount of plastic that ends up in the ocean.

Fortunately, there are many ways people can help to solve this problem. For instance, individuals can aid in saving the turtles by purchasing reusable items. Tote Bags made of canvas or thick plastic are not only more durable, but can also be used repeatedly, eliminating the need

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Notifications Comment

Melanie Perkins 2:04 PM Sep 17

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First

Needs stronger transition punctuation

Reply · Resolve

Melanie Perkins 2:03 PM Sep 17

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Did you

Avoid you in academic writing

Reply · Resolve


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Tools for Self Reflection

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