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MAY THE 4RS BE WITH YOU CONTEST 2022

My 4Rs: Rethink, Regrow, Rebuild, Recover



May the 4 r's be with you

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My 4 r's are, **rethink**, **regrow**, **rebuild**, and **recover**. I believe that we should **rethink** how we are making energy and think of better ways instead of polluting the earth and the air. I believe that we should **regrow** our nature and plant more trees, plants, and more things that can help our mother nature. I believe we should **rebuild** factories instead of polluting the air we breathe. I know that we can **recover** from all the bad things we have done and make it into something new and good for the environment. Us humans are the ones that decide what we want to do to our earth.

In my art, the black and white parts of the picture represent the pollution and bad things we are doing to our planet. I drew little plastic water bottles, plastic bags, and an apple core representing us polluting the earth on the corners. I drew a big factory, meaning us polluting the air. I also drew a bird flying around the factory. Because animals like birds go around often they will likely breathe in the polluted air and get hurt or may die. I drew a hand with a plant inside to represent how we should **regrow** from all the bad things that we have done. The plant also means we should **rethink** our actions and rebuild our community into something healthy and good for the environment. It also means that there is still a chance for our earth to **recover** from all the damage we caused to the earth.

I tried to recycle my old art supplies to make this piece. At first, my mom was going to recycle this craft paper because I accidentally spilled water on it. At that time I still had no idea what I was going to enter in the contest. Right then, I kept the paper dried it and made it flat. For the black and white parts, I used charcoal from when I used to take oil paint classes.

My (Re)Generation Action Story

My 4 Rs are rethink, regrow, rebuild, and recover. I choose these because I believe it is possible to fix the mistakes we have made like all types of pollution. All these words represent that. I have seen, smelled, heard all the bad things and even did some research about them. I hope my art really represents the bad but also that if you try, we can fix it.