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May the 4Rs Be With You Contest 2021

My 4Rs: Responsibility, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink

My (Re)Generation Action Story:

In this picture, the story is someone ate an orange and puts the orange peel in the trash when he could have put it in the compost right next to the trash. What this photo means is that we are so close to stopping food waste, but people ignore how easy it would be to make the right choice. This regresses progress. The food waste connects to many other problems in the world such as climate change because the methane created from the rotting food in the landfill harms the atmosphere, which causes climate change. Stopping food waste would help stop other problems, such as the hungry people in our society that don’t have enough food. This can’t happen though when people like the person in the photo ignores the nagging feeling to put the orange peel in the compost.

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My 4 R’s are Responsibility, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink. I picked responsibility specifically because the person in this picture is not being responsible. It's his responsibility to put his food scraps in the compost. I think if people thought of putting their food scraps away in the right place a responsibility just like doing homework, our progress with food waste would be faster.

I picked Reuse because people can reuse trash to help stop it from getting into the landfill. Rethink was a good word for me because rethinking is important for rerouting things that can harm the environment from the landfill to other creative ways. Recycling is important because recycling things like cardboard can be made into other useful things. I connect to the the Regeneration because the regeneration is my generation. The kids in this generation have there whole lifetime to help the cause.