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**Honorable Mention Elementary Illustration** 

My 4Rs: Recycle, Revive, Rot, Regrow



## My (Re)Generation Action Story:

This picture shows Recycle, revive, rot and regrow. Without these things in our mind our world will turn into a very dirty place. And mean that, literally!

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## Shreyan's Story Continued:

This shows recycling because the kid in the picture is thinking about a clean earth which would need recycling. This also shows reviving because we need to revive our planet. We are the people that ruined our earth and it is time for us to revive it. The kid is planting a plant to sweep away the factory to trap the pollution like in a metal cage. This can show rot because we need to keep using the same things over again that can result with everyone being happy. When we rot we put fruits and other food in the ground which makes a plant keep growing. Even human waste can help a plant grow! The picture shows worms on the healthy side alive and on the unhealthy side, the worms are dead. The reason the healthy side still has worms alive is because the worms get to decompose our rotting food, whereas on the other side, there is no rotting food. This can get out of control and that is why the unhealthy side has its worms dead. Lastly, and most importantly is regrow. We have to regrow because then we can overgrow the factories and pollution which will get crushed by the amount of trees. Also once we start regrowing, our landfills will get smaller. This is good, resulting in the chance that since the landfill is so full that we will need to burn our trash. If we regrow, we will have more trees which means more air. So technically speaking, without any trees humans won't be a thing. We all know how important Vitamin D is for your body. Well at one point there will be so much pollution in the air that there won't be any sun rays! This is bad because the sun is a big source of Vitamin D. Like shown in my picture, you can see the sun on the healthy side, but on the unhealthy side, the sun is not visible.

The way I designed this drawing is first breaking up the paper into two sides. One of the sides is the unhealthy while the other is the healthy side. Looking at the picture, you can probably tell the sides apart. On the healthy side you can see the kid handing out a plant to the factory that shows him regrowing the plants. You can also see the apple tree growing unlike the unhealthy side, where there are no plants in sight! The kid is thinking of a better world which is cleaner and has no pollution such as factories. You can see a bright big sun that helps the plants grow. The sun is basically a plant's food. Way down below, you can see worms that are decomposing food that you put into rot. On the other side of the picture, you can see a factory and a Huge Landfill. The landfill may not be huge to you if you don't think 139.6 million tons is a lot. The picture only shows a little bit of the landfill because most of it is behind the factorie. Speaking of factories, the factory in the picture is all dull. I mean the whole right side of the paper has dull colors. The reason I made it so dull was to represent how sad and how m=bad factories and landfills are. A factory could produce lots of poisonous chemicals in the air such as Co2. This is bad because lots of wildlife could die. Especially the innocent birds. Our actions could be a small thing, but everyone's actions combined could be deadly for our planet.

My drawing took a lot of effort because you might notice, but there is a blueish and brown looking color in the factorie. What happened was that I thought the blue was a black. Without me paying attention, I colored most of the factory in a dark blue color! Then something I did to recover the situation was that I colored brown all over the blue that I had done and now it looked brown. I probably would not have had any chance of winning no matter what I did if I did not fix that mistake. A thing that all of probably saw on my drawing, in the factory(again) was that there was a blotch of green in the downright corner. This is when I accidentally thought that there was space so I could put grass as decoration, but I was wrong. I put shades of dark colors on the green so it would not show but now you can still see it. This is why we should take care of our planet earth using the 4rs.