

"HERE IS YOUR COUNTRY. CHERISH THESE NATURAL WONDERS, CHERISH THE NATURAL RESOURCES, CHERISH THE HISTORY AND ROMANCE AS A SACRED HERITAGE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. DO NOT LET SELFISH MEN OR GREEDY INTERESTS SKIN YOUR COUNTRY OF ITS BEAUTY, ITS RICHES OR ITS ROMANCE." THEODORE ROOSEVELT

The environment is the sum of all living and non-living elements and their effects that influence human life. It functions to provide a supply of resources, both renewable and non-renewable. Humans enjoy the beauty of nature from flowing rivers, towering mountains, waves of grassy life, and vast spaces of desert.

Humans are the caregivers of the earth and influence the continual changes in the natural ecological process with our actions. Deforestation, pollution, habitat destruction, extinction of species, and fossil fuel emissions have all placed the habitat of humans, animals, and plants in jeopardy.

As caretakers of our most precious of resources, our environment, there is much we can do as stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, beautify our communities, and enjoy nature. With many of the world's scientists forecasting a climate emergency, we are called to act now. It is vitally important we do our responsive part within our power to care for our planet.

Keep close to nature's heart. Enjoy your surroundings. A nation that destroys its soils destroys life. Enjoy the seasons of our outdoors and remember to look up and take in your surroundings.



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