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# What Recycling Means to Me

“The moment you think you understand a great work of art, it's dead for you.” – Oscar Wilde. Recycling is concept that is simple yet can be very helpful towards life and what life means. Many plants and animals have cycles such as the food chain. Recycling is similar to that. You use something and after you're done, you might as well keep reusing it so it won't be a waste. Water is naturally recycled using the water cycle, where water evaporates and condenses. The meaning of recycling can refer to many aspects of life.

Recycling is what happens to something that has been used before and now being changed into something else; something newer. In this case, we talk about recycling paper, plastic, metal, and other material so we don't have to cut trees, waste oil, and other energy sources to create more items that we don't need. Climate change can be easily connected to this. People are looking for renewable energy sources to use and not depend on fossil or bio fuels.

I believe recycling helps the world become a little cleaner. Even if it's just a little, the world is still a little cleaner than it was if you hadn't recycled something. If we didn't recycle at all, our health would be a lot worse than we are now. There would be less trees and more pollution which could block out part of the sun and also create a greenhouse effect. Some people of the world are concerned about the concept “Global Warming.” People are working to convince others to be more conservative and consider the environment. They urge us to use less gas, oil, and other fuels which may become pollution and contribute to the atmosphere. The problem is that we can't find a renewable energy source that is as good as the fuels that we currently use a lot. America is working to depend less on foreign oil.

To me, recycling is a tiring chore where you do not gain fruits of labor or at least it's harder to notice; much harder. Recycling can be troublesome. Sometimes I tend to try not use things so I wouldn't have to take the recycling outside, (could be done unconsciously) but then again, we need to recycling to keep the cycle moving and keep people with jobs who take the recycling. The economy could change if suddenly people who took recycling weren't needed too. Unemployment in America is already pretty bad and also considering the money that is going to Iraq. California is also in large debt that could hurt the future generations.

In the end, it's almost the simplest yet most complicated concept which we deal with daily. Recycling helps us little by little. It's very complicated when it deals with mass recycling as in renewable energy. People are working on ways to be more conservative and spread the word. Next time you recycle, think of its importance even if you might not want to.