

A Colossal Issue

Global warming is heating the Earth at an alarming rate. The rising temperatures are affecting the environment, animals, and people. To begin, global warming is dramatically affecting the environment. According to the National Wildlife Federation, ice caps are melting and forest fires are at a greater risk due to the increase in temperatures. The ice that is melting away from the ice caps is flowing into the ocean, which is changing the patterns of the currents and the salinity of the ocean. Also, with a greater risk of forest fires, global warming puts everyone and everything in harm's way. Next, the rising temperatures are affecting animals. More animals are being put on the threatened and endangered species list. When a decent number of species become extinct, the food chain will have a higher risk of disruption, causing a domino effect, affecting all species. Also, certain species are reliant on environments that are rapidly changing. For example, polar bears rely on ice to hunt for seal, which is their primary food source. However, the ice caps are shrinking, making it harder for the polar bears to survive. This change in environment is affecting many other animals, such as caribou, reindeer, penguins, musk oxen, cold-water fish, sea birds, possums, american pika, alpine butterflies, and frogs. Finally, the deterioration of the ozone layer is affecting people now and will drastically affect people in the future. The ice caps are melting too fast, so they aren't able to sufficiently build up again. These ice caps are a water source for many people in a variety of regions. Soon, the people of those regions will run out of water. Also, the massive holes in the ozone layer are letting in more of the sun's harmful radiation. This radiation can and will cause many issues and hurt the human body. People who are exposed to more radiation are more likely to get cancer because they have a

higher risk. It is clear that global warming is a colossal issue, affecting everyone and everything. Changes, due to the increasing temperatures, that have already occurred, cannot be reversed. However, many other effects of global warming can still be prevented. The only way to prevent any further harmful effects is to deal with the problem now, before it is too late.

Recurring Themes in the Bard's Works

Most of Shakespeare's plays deal with star-crossed lovers, death, and miscommunication. Firstly, star-crossed lovers recur often in Shakespeare plays. For example, in the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Hermia and Lysander are torn apart by intervening varies and Helena pines for Demetrius, who loves Hermia. In *Romeo and Juliet* two young lovers are forbidden from seeing each other and consequently die. Secondly, seat is an important theme in the works of Shakespeare. For example, *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* deals with the murder of the titular character, the subsequent deaths of the murderers, and the circumstances that justify a murder. *Hamlet* also deals with numerous deaths and murders including that of the main character. Finally, Shakespeare's plays almost always deal with miscommunication. For example, in *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*, Cassius kills himself after mistakenly believing he is responsible for the death of his good friend Titinius who kills himself upon seeing Cassius's corpse. Furthermore, in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* Lysander becomes infatuated with Helena and becomes uninterested in Hermia because he is mistaken for Demetrius and becomes the subject of Oberon's spell. In conclusion, Shakespeare's plays

deal with star-crossed lovers, death, and miscommunication; however, despite the repetition of themes, the works of Shakespeare never fail to captivate an audience.

Potential Tragedy on Planet Earth

Global warming, also known as climate change, is affecting Earth's wildlife in many different ways. First of all, drastic temperature changes have affected the behaviors and routines of many animals. For example, rising temperatures are causing coral bleaching, the whitening of diverse invertebrate taxa. Many marine species' ecosystems depend on coral and are collapsing due to the bleaching. Secondly, global warming is resulting in the decline of many food and water resources. For instance, flooding leads to the increase of erosion levels, which causes the extreme decrease of water quality. All wildlife, from plants to animals, needs water to survive, and because of global warming, they are not getting what is necessary. Lastly, the decline of habitats all over the world is the product of global warming. For example, the melting of polar ice caps leads to an insufficient habitat for many animals living in a colder climate, like polar bears. Polar bears are nearly extinct due to their loss of habitat. There is no doubt that global warming is affecting wildlife all over the world in all different climates; however, it is still a controversial topic among many.