



PEople for A Changing Earth

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Dear Third Grade Teachers,

We have been informed that your classes are studying Our Changing Earth. You may have heard that our planet is in crisis. We are rapidly depleting our non-renewable natural resources such as coal, petroleum and natural gases. Scientists believe that even within our lifetime great measures will need to be taken to protect those resources. Our organization, PEople for A Changing Earth (PEACE), has been investigating options in case conservation efforts fail.

One of those options is to plan for colonization of a new world. However, there are many considerations when thinking about moving humans to a new planet. Energy sources, natural resources and living environments are a few of the issues that need to be researched.

A top secret division of National Aeronautics and Space Association (NASA) has located a tenth planet not far from planet Earth. The confidential report is enclosed. Do not share this information with anyone.

Once you have read the information, your task is to decide if humans can successfully live on this planet which is temporarily named Planet X. Your group needs to present a report showing Planet X's resources in comparison to Planet Earth's.

Your teacher will keep us informed about what you discover. We look forward to hearing your results.

Sincerely,

Executive Director, PEACE