

Yesterday you were asked to think of a rights struggle either going on now or in America's past.

Utilizing your notes from the "Harlem" assignment, brainstorm issues that you see as relevant today that you would like to see improve in the future:

- Global warming and the rising oceans
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Lorraine Hansberry saw the issue of discriminatory housing practices as something that needed to be addressed and improved for people of color in the future. To address this issue, she used her strength with creative writing and wrote *A Raisin in the Sun*. She told the story through the perspective of those marginalized as they face racism and then took matters into their own hands with the aim of improving the future for themselves and future generations.

Your task is to write a futuristic, science fiction story wherein your chosen topic above is addressed and improved for future generations. For this creative writing assignment, you will compose a short story, short play, or a poem. ***The stories we tell ourselves now shape who we become. Create the story, change the future!***

Jacob watched as his most prized possession was torn away from him. He loved that car, but with the new laws against emissions, the use of cars is banned, and all cars were taken by the government. As much as he protested it was no use. He knew that global warming had gotten out of hand, but he wanted to keep his car. Twelve years ago the government issued a state of emergency when cities across the world began to get overtaken by the sea. To respond they banned all gas powered vehicles, and power plants that used fossil fuels. It seemed to work for the most part, but the seas were still rising. The world leaders have decided that the best way to solve the problem is to move the earth farther away from the sun. as they worked on this global repositioning engine, they put more limits on what people can do, in order to slow the rising seas. That made people like Jacob angry, but if it saved the earth, then he would accept losing his car.