

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
- Landfills and pollution
- Price of higher education
- Global hostility and warfare

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!***

Trash and rubbish piling up  
Towers spread out for miles  
Slowly getting bigger and bigger  
No stopping in sight.

Change must be made  
Otherwise we shall perish  
On account of killing our planet with filth.

And then awareness was brought  
And change happened  
The problem finally being addressed  
In the year 2066.

A cleanup movement was launched

To try and correct the wrongs  
Done against our planet

Plastic was replaced  
By biodegradable materials in haste  
And waste was kept under control  
And at an all-time low.

Recycling levels soared  
Reduce reuse and recycle  
Becoming the motto everywhere

And at last the planet was saved  
By the same people who almost brought it to its grave  
Waste-less initiatives springing up everywhere  
Here to stay forevermore.

A message for you kind reader:  
Beware the uncaring and lazy minds  
Thinking "Someone else will take care of that"  
Because unless we all come together  
To right our wrongs  
Our planet will perish  
Ourselves as well.