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POVERTY AND
THE
ENVIRONMENT:
A SYMBIOTIC
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INTRODUCTION

There are two large problems in society that remain prominent: the environment and poverty.

- The problem remains because people do not realize these are not problems one individual solves on their own but rather a **collective effort.**
- The downfall of one tends to affect the other in this case, causing even more turmoil.



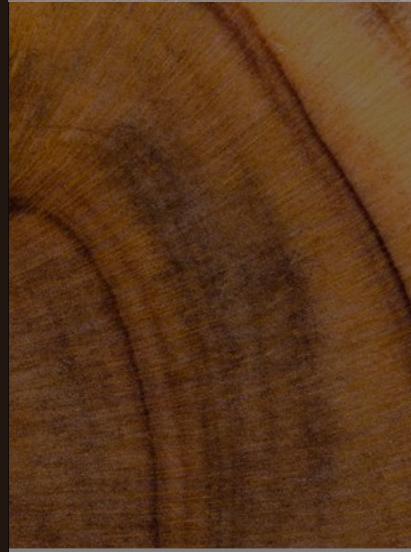
CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1) I worked to educate students on more sustainable hydroponic gardens.
 - 2) I volunteered with organizations that serve low-income communities.
 - 3) I have taken personal action to make my life more sustainable by learning about composting and spreading information about environmental wellness.
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SURVIVAL

- ❑ In the article “Poverty, development, and environment” by Edward Barbier, he mentions how the poor may abuse the land around them in order to survive.
- ❑ Impoverished individuals and families are assetless.
- ❑ *Poverty Traps* are a key consequence of these actions.



REFLECTION



Environmental issues and poverty are largely undermined by many.

- There tends to be a significant “blame game” involved.
- Thomas Reardon and Stephen Vosti explain that wealthier people have just as much impact.

COORDINATION



The issues at hand are broader than most of us. No one is to blame but everyone is responsible.



This is a series of problems that can be divided and conquered.

A woman and a man are standing in front of a brick building. The woman is wearing a dark patterned top and a headscarf. The man is wearing a yellow and green patterned shirt. Laundry is hanging on a line in the background. The 'abc NEWS' logo is overlaid on the image.

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CONCLUSION

A lack of knowledge and openness prevents us from solving these problems. While the issues feel endless, they are not impossible to resolve.

