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environmental response

Our ancestors lived their lives on and around the ocean. They had all their needs right there. And if just by chance they saw the declining of a species of fish, they knew exactly what to do to help solve the issue. But now in this modern day, things have taken a turn for the worst. People have grown ignorant and careless to the condition of the ocean.

While watching the video I was able to get a much deeper understanding of the responsibility we hold to the ocean. The ocean belongs to us all, and we should keep it clean. Because it is of the utmost importance to preserve and try to flourish the reefs we have now. A clean ocean means a healthy reef, which also ties into a plentiful amount of thriving fish. But, with the carelessness of others, we are endangering our own lives. Hawaii has been reliant on the ocean for centuries, and must do what they can to preserve it. Tokelau also lives on the ocean. I believe that now even more so, Tokelau is dependant on the ocean. Our culture is so preserved, that the ways of our ancestors are very much alive in our lives today. Therefore, we must do what we can to keep the ocean clean.

by watching the video, I learned that the simple things really do make a difference. Whether it be picking up a piece of paper you see. Or even switching over from plastic bags. We can all play a role in save the reefs, sea creatures, and ocean. My family and I have bought eco-friendly bags instead of using plastic bags. My mother and I teach an R.E.I.A (Religious Education) class. And the day after watching the video, my mom shared with them the video and what she learned from it. I did not think that it was the bad (the condition of the ocean), but I see now that we have a lot to be thankful for, and a lot to fix.

Our communities can do clean ups. It is a good way to get community service hours, and an even better way to give back. Think of it as a great way to keep fit. But on a more serious note, we should earn the privilege of going into the ocean. We should have the respect our ancestors had for the ocean, and try to revive it in modern day life. I can't stress the ocean's importance enough. But as for myself, I'll let my actions speak louder than my ~~words~~ words. We do what we can, and ^{we} say what we can't.