Southfield High Engineering Academy

Critical Writing #5

1. There is an old saying:

“We don’t inherit the land from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children.”

What does this saying mean to you? What can we learn from this statement? -2 paragraphs min.

1. In the early 1970’s, the U.S. experienced a very serious agricultural problem. Corn crops suffered from “Southern Corn Leaf Blight.” If this had happened in a smaller country, millions of people would have died from starvation.

Use your WWW. To find out more about the corn leaf blight. Try to find out”

* What caused the problem?
* What were the effects of the blight?
* Who was affected?
* What was the effect on other nations?
* How was the problem solved?
* What was the impact on farmers?
* Could the problem have been avoided?
* What are the chances of a similar problem in the future?

1. Do you think the world is immune to disaster? Do you think we will have a major disease or agricultural problem in your lifetime? Why or Why not?
2. List some disasters you have witness or heard about in your lifetime (tsunamis, terror, disease)

Is it possible for technology and engineering to prevent any of these disasters?

1. What are some ways people **litter** and **pollute** the earth?
2. Does it bother you when people litter the earth? Why or Why not.
3. Do you know of any particular neighborhood or area that has an abundance of litter, waste and possible disease? If yes, where?