

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

1. Values

Why the issue matters

2. Cause

Where did the problem start?
Use metaphors

3. Impacts

What is set in motion by the initial cause/factor?
(think the domino effect)

4. Consequence

What are the effects on resources/people?

5. Solutions

Community level solutions that decrease fossil fuel use

Here's an example:

(1-Values) The National Park Service works to protect and preserve the habitats and ecosystems we depend on. *(2-Cause)* When we burn fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas, we release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. *(3-Impacts)* When excess carbon dioxide builds up in the atmosphere, it acts like a blanket that traps in heat around the world. This has led to a disruption of our typical climate patterns. In the Bay Area, we've seen a 30% decrease in the fog since the 1950's. *(4-Consequence)* Many of our Coastal habitats are dependent on the fog to provide water during rainless summer months, like the Coast Redwood! With less fog, the areas suitable for redwoods may shrink, changing the entire ecosystem that depends on them. *(5-Solutions)* One great way we can work together to protect these incredible trees is by working with our civic leaders to make clean, renewable energy - energy sources that don't add to the heat-trapping blanket effect - accessible to all people!

NOW YOU TRY!

1. Value

Here at _____

we work to _____

the habitats and ecosystems _____

2. Cause

When we burn fossil fuels, like coal oil and natural gas, we _____

When excess carbon dioxide gets trapped in the atmosphere, it acts _____

3. Impact

4. Consequence

5. Solution

One way we can all be part of the _____ is to _____

providing energy that doesn't contribute to the heat-trapping blanket effect. And talk with your _____ about why we should switch!