

Snappy Summaries

Read the text and write a short summary of its main points as a text message. You should aim to write 20 words or less.



I remember a time when the world was pure.

Fresh water ran from snow-capped mountains and forests the size of continents breathed air into the skies. Trees grew tall and creatures prospered. Plants blanketed hillsides and flowers bloomed with colours you couldn't imagine. Oceans were alive with fish and creatures from the deep. Coral reefs stretched along coastlines and waters of azure blue lapped at golden sands. Ice dominated the poles: thick and impenetrable. White beasts with coal-dust eyes roamed across the north while rainbow-necked birds huddled in the south.

The air was clean and food was plentiful. Life was beautiful.

Then **you** happened. Everything changed.

You sought money and power and greed, taking what you wanted from wherever you could find it. Ecosystems faltered and species declined but still you plundered: dredging oceans, building roads, mining rocks, hunting animals. Forests were felled and rare flowers ploughed; reefs discarded and seas overfished. The ice melted and wild weather rampaged through the land. As temperatures soared, crops failed; as oceans rose, floods increased.

You became hungry, desperate and sad. Yet, still you stole...

