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# ECOSYSTEMS OF THE WORLD

## Wetland Ecosystems

### Why Do I Care?

Wetlands perform many benefits for the environment and our communities. Many wetlands have been destroyed by development. Many more are in danger of being destroyed. How would life be different without wetlands? Write a paragraph explaining your opinion. Use your imagination!



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### Take a Stand

This book discusses the importance of protecting wetlands. Regulations that protect wetlands often prevent people from developing parts of the property they own. Do you think the government should have the right to limit use of private property? Write a short essay explaining your opinion. Make sure to give reasons for your opinion and facts and details that support those reasons.



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### You Are There

This book discusses food webs and food chains. Imagine you are visiting a wetland. What animals do you see? Which of these animals is at the top of the food chain? Describe the path energy takes from the sun to reach the animal at the top of the food chain.



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### Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about wetlands? Do you want to learn more about their wildlife or their benefits to the environment? Write down one or two questions to guide your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about this ecosystem to help answer your questions. Write two or three sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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