ESSAY ON AMERICAN SCENERY

Thomas Cole wrote an essay in 1836 called *Essay on American Scenery.* In it, he wrote about what he loved about nature, wilderness, and living in the United States. He also worried that many of the things he loved about wilderness would be gone in just a few years, as factories and industry erased nature. Today, the American landscape is changing too. Maybe you know of a tradition or an activity that your parents or grandparents did that you no longer do. Perhaps you've noticed buildings torn down or new ones being built in your hometown or city block. Maybe a favorite tree or place to play in the woods has been cut down or built upon. Write about something you love doing or care about that you hope will be preserved.

I hope that _____ will still be around in one hundred years because _____

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