



THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

Things made out of plastic make our lives much easier and enjoyable. We make toys, dishes, TV cases, and storage containers out of plastic. Even cars have a lot of plastic parts. We make so many plastic water bottles that we don't know what to do with them all. Unfortunately, many of these plastic items end up in the ocean when we discard them in the wrong way.

Many of these plastic items can be found in what is called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. This is an area in the Pacific Ocean that is about the size of the state of Texas. In this area many plastic items and small pieces of plastic items are floating around right now! Ten million tons of plastic ends up in the world's oceans and seas every year.



IN THE AREA BELOW, DRAW A PICTURE OF AT LEAST 10 PLASTIC ITEMS THAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE FLOATING AROUND IN THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH. WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED, YOU WILL HAVE A PICTURE OF WHAT THE GARBAGE PATCH ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw plastic items floating in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.