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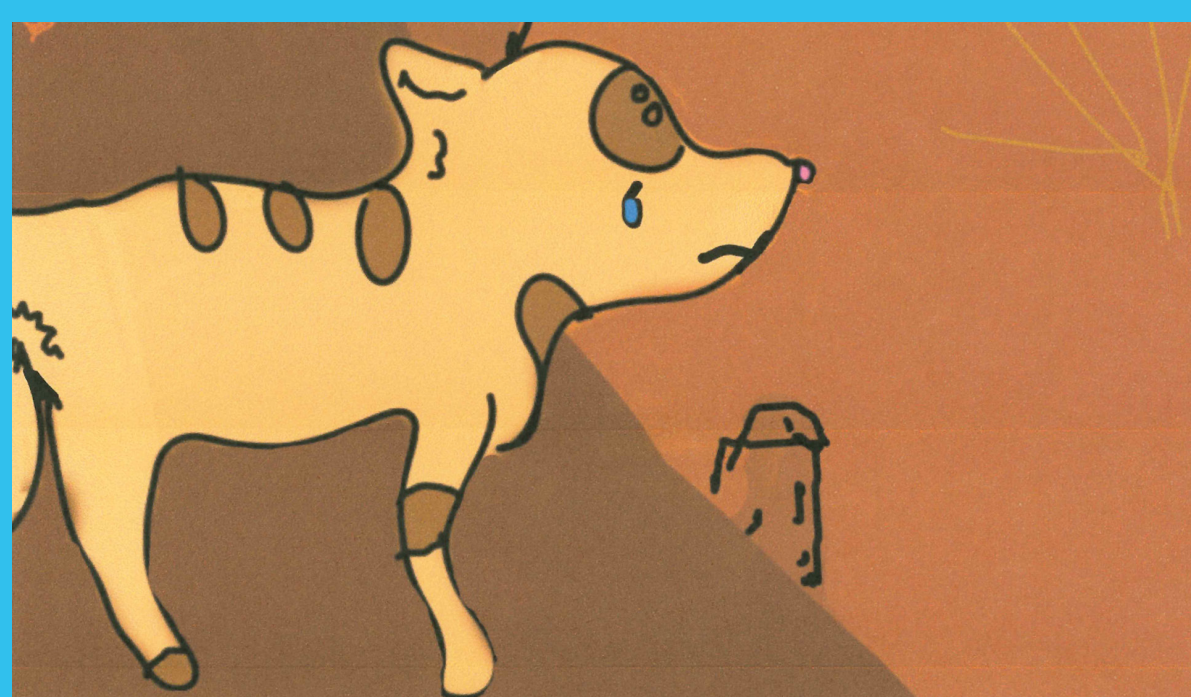
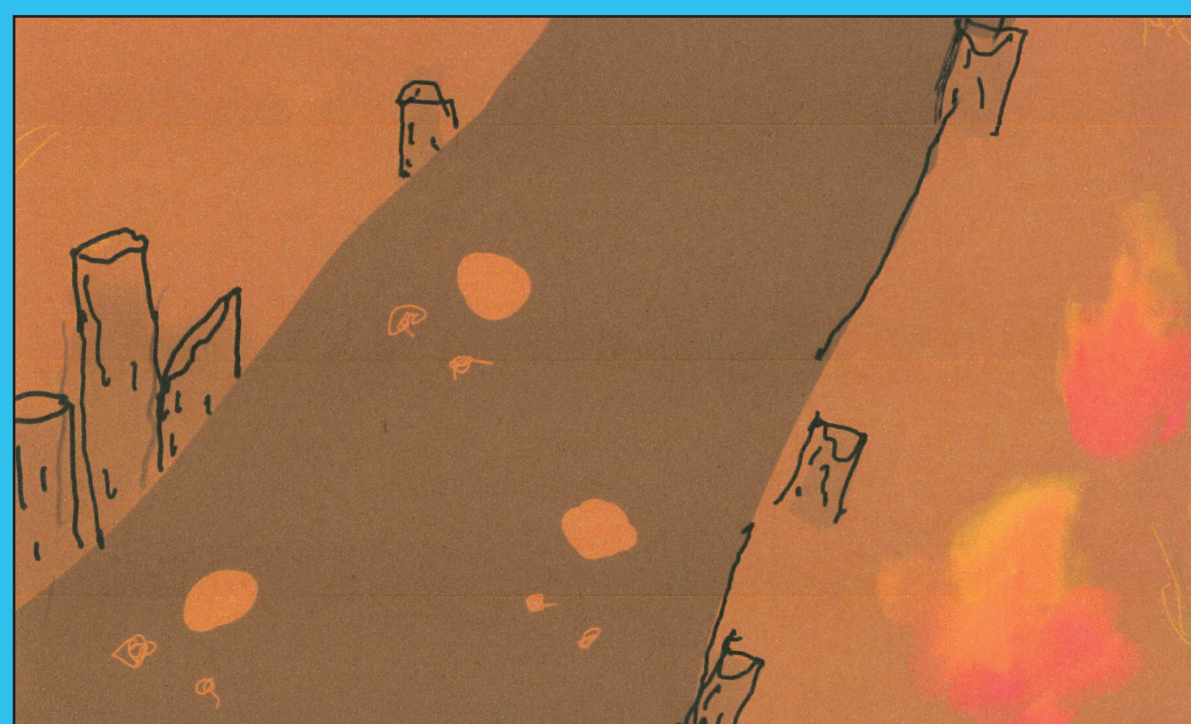
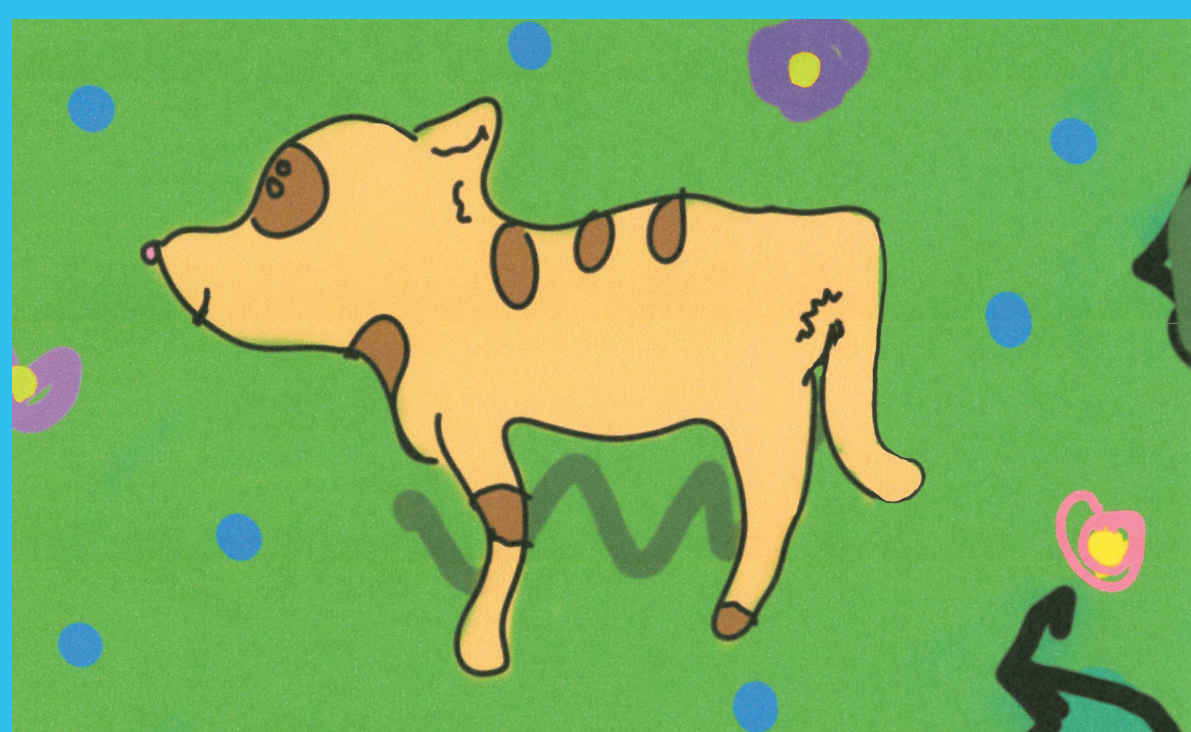
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## THIRD GRADE: 1st Place

### "Hope Acts Now" by Violet

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A long time ago, there was a dog named Hope who lived in a beautiful warm rainforest with green grass, green trees, and beautiful flowers. A few years later, the rainforest was no longer a rainforest: the trees were cut down, the flowers were dead, and the grass was no longer green.

Hope thought, will humans someday be nicer to animals? Humans keep cutting down trees and it is so dry that plants are lighting on fire. Humans are too busy disagreeing with each other and only thinking of themselves, not the forest. Hope believes if one person starts caring about animals, that other people will too. So, she goes on a journey to find one person who cares about the animals and the rainforest.

Hope starts by searching through what is left of the forest. As she walks, she notices other animals. Monkeys are swinging away from the forest, wolves are howling away, and worst of all, humans are still cutting down trees while wearing their orange hats and vests. But Hope continues on her journey along the forest.

Suddenly, she stumbles upon a group of humans who were traveling across the world to study animals. Hope tells the humans that she and her animal friends need a better environment that is safe for them to live in, where they can move around freely and safely.

So, everyone, including Hope, goes to the human courthouse and demands to make a law that states that humans can not destroy the rainforest. That way, the rainforest will always have green grass, green trees, and beautiful flowers. So, we don't have to believe in someday; what we have to do is act now.

