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I think that such a network would be incredibly beneficial and incredibly inspiring for high school/college students actively involved/interested in environmental issues.

Just reading through the "winners" PGC tab every day, I have been so inspired by the passion, commitment, and creativity of the students from across the globe participating in PGC -- I think it would be great to keep this momentum going even after PGC comes to a close.

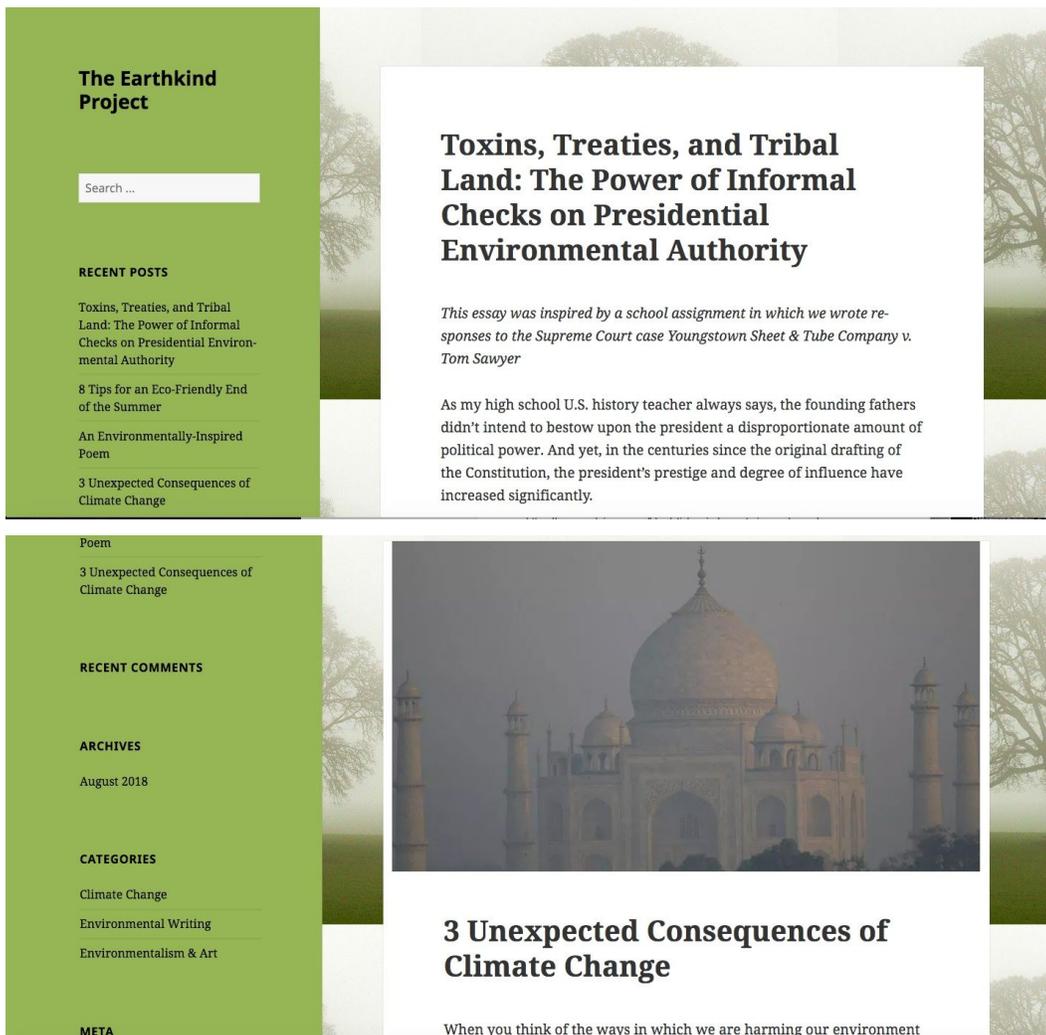
I personally have a very keen interest in writing -- both more creative writing (like poetry) and more informative writing (like journalism) -- and, reading through the daily entries, I get the sense that many of my fellow PGCers share this same interest.

Here are two specific writing-related ideas I have for the Project Green Network:

- **An environmental "anthology"** entirely created by students involved with the Project Green Network consisting of environmentally-inspired creative writing (poems, stories, songs etc.) along with various types of art (photographs, drawings, paintings etc). Each publication (maybe the anthology could become an annual tradition) could center around an overarching theme that would encompass the artistic creations of those with a variety of environmental interests. Contributors could be encouraged to sell copies of the publication to family members/friends/classmates, and the profits could go to an environmental cause (perhaps related to the overarching theme for that publication).
- **A student-run environmental blog!** This past year, I decided to launch a blog of my own called The Earthkind Project (I have included some pictures below). While I have very much enjoyed publishing articles on my blog whenever I can, as I soon discovered, it is challenging to find enough time to regularly produce articles/maintain an updated blog. But, I think it would be incredible for a whole group of passionate high school/college students to all collaborate on a blog. Articles could cover topics on everything from international-level environmental news stories to school-wide environmental initiatives. The blog could also experiment with video/a social media presence in order to reach a broader audience.
  - I have included a list of some ideas I have for blog articles:
    - "Briefings" on important environmental topics (such as the daily themes for PGC challenges....climate change, non-GMO/Fair Trade/organic/local food, biodiversity, environmental justice, economics & the environment, reusable energy etc.)
      - These briefings could be super visual with infographics and clear, bulleted information
    - Opinion pieces on topics such as going vegetarian, GMO-labelling, climate change, the environmental stances of various political candidates, legislation (ex. carbon taxes), "green" jobs etc.

- Interviews w/ environmental “heroes” in our local communities → as the blog’s presence were to grow, perhaps we could even begin to reach out to more environmental leaders on a state or even national-level
- School profiles: discussing environmental initiatives on various high school/college campuses
- Green Guides: specific/tangible suggestions for how to make more eco-conscious choices in your everyday life (ex. in the kitchen, at school, at work, when travelling etc.)
- Current Events round-ups: informative articles about current environmentally-related news stories (ex. natural disasters, important climate change research developments, new laws etc)

Here are some pictures of my first attempt at maintaining an environmental blog of my own (<http://box2096.temp.domains/~earthki2/>):



PGC has been such a mobilizing and inspring experience in great part because of all that I have learned from the entries of my fellow PGCers. It would be an honor to get to all continue to collaborate, exchange ideas, and continue to enact change even after the conclusion of PGC. I would be very interested in taking on an active role with the Project Green Network in the future.