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Informative Speech Paragraph
Permaculture

Permaculture is a conjunction of the words permanent and agriculture, later it was expanded to mean permanent culture. Permaculture was first introduced in 1978 by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren. Care for the earth, care for the people and return of surplus are three core tenets of permaculture. There are many aspects to permaculture but the primary emphasis is sustainable food production while encouraging the healing of land and people. Permaculture is a philosophy of working with nature through observation of the whole rather than as separate parts. In doing so one can capture the synergy of plant and animal systems as well as labor input from humans. Effective permaculture design incorporates a variety of disciplines including vermiculture, organic farming, aquaponics, rainwater harvesting, sustainable building techniques and others.