

Story B: The Ocean Cleanup

In the heart of a coastal town lived Ajeet. Ajeet always felt a deep connection with the ocean and as a young boy watched in wonder as the waves danced along the shore, like the heartbeat of the ocean. Growing up, Ajeet and his family spent many summers by the ocean, but with the hustle and bustle of life, they had been too busy to go in a while. Ajeet was excited to hear they would be going tomorrow.

When they arrived at the beach the next day, Ajeet noticed the beach was different. The once clear waters had become murky with trash and pollution, and the beaches were strewn with plastic bottles, discarded fishing nets, and other debris. A green film was laying on top of the water and a sign read "Unsafe for drinking and swimming." Ajeet was incredibly sad. The beach he once loved had totally changed. He wondered how these changes had affected the local plants and animals on the beach, or the marine species in the water.