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**“Dear Mother Earth: An Earthly Advice Column”  
Short Response Questions Sheet**

- **Read and annotate the article “Dear Mother Earth: An Earthly Advice Column.” (Notice how I put the name of the article in quotation marks!)**
- **Answer each of the Short Response Questions using the RACER organizer and the three writing prompts sheets. (What does the text SAY, What does the author MEAN, Why does it MATTER.)**
- **Each answer will be typed and will be at least one paragraph.**
  1. What is the central idea/main idea of the section you just read? Use **two** details from the text to support your response.
  2. What is the author’s purpose of this article? Use **two** details from the text to support your response. (Also, write the symbol that reminds you of what the three choices are for Author’s Purpose.)
  3. What is the author’s point of view (perspective/opinion/the way the author sees things)? Use **two** details from the text to support your response.
  4. What lesson can be learned from Mother Earth? Use **two** details from the article to support your response.

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5. According to the author, what are some of the challenges that Antarctica is facing? Use **two** details from the article to support your answer.
  
6. What is the format of this text? How does the author organize the information?
  
7. Why does the author use personification in this article?
  
8. How does the information in both of the letters in the advice column relate to each other?
  
9. According to the author, what is the value in helping the environment? Use **two** details from the article to support your answer.
  
10. How does the first paragraph contribute to the reader's understanding of the article?