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Did you know that every time you take a shower or pour a glass of lemonade you are using the same water that the dinosaurs used? For millions of years, our water has recycled and cleansed itself through a process called the hydrologic cycle. Today, however, because of pollution, pure water is seldom found in nature. This is because water is an excellent solvent—other substances dissolve easily into it. This means that as water travels up into plants, it carries with it not only minerals and nutrients, but harmful dissolved chemicals that pollute the water and endanger plants, animals, and people.

Directions: Read each statement below. Then add to each statement by writing in actions that you should take to conserve our precious water resources.

Be Water Wise!

Every Drop Counts!

1. Use only as much water as needed.
So I should _____
2. A deep bathtub can hold up to 28 gallons of water.
So I should _____
3. A slowly dripping faucet can waste 3 gallons of water per day.
So I should _____
4. Water used with detergents and other cleaning products must be treated.
So I should _____
5. Oil, paint, and other chemicals need to be dumped according to special instructions.
So I should _____
6. Keeping an eye on the water supply is everyone's job.
So I should _____
7. There are other reasons for using water wisely besides preventing water pollution.
So I should _____

Bonus: Pretend you have a full glass of water. Imagine all of the different places the water could have been. On the back of this page, write and illustrate a short "history" about your water.