

# How Products of Trees Have Changed My Life

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Trees are important. We couldn't live without trees. Imagine your life without your house, pencils, paper, firewood, and of course, oxygen. Trees matter because they give life to many different species such as birds, tree kangaroos, squirrels, sloths, humans and many more. They also beautify the earth and our living spaces. It is critical that we keep the trees alive.

Two products from a tree that have had a big effect on me are paper and pencils. Without these, I wouldn't have an education. I've learned so many different things with just a paper and a pencil. I've learned math, English, science, social studies and many more subjects. Writing is my passion, and without paper and pencils, I wouldn't be able to write. Books are also written on paper, and another one of my favorite hobbies is reading. For these reasons and more, I am grateful for trees.

I decided that this essay should have more than my own viewpoint on the products of trees. I have interviewed three people to tell about the effect of trees on their lives. The first person I interviewed is my friend Addison Steigelmeyer. Addison said, "A product of a tree that has affected my life is wood. In the winter, we need wood for our fire to keep us warm." Another friend Brinley Chapman said, "A product of a tree that has affected my life is paper. It helps me make cards for the sick." Lastly, my friend and sister Sydney Dean said, "A product of a tree that has affected my life is paper. It helps me get a good education."

Trees help the lifestyle of animals by providing shelter, food and protection. For example, birds get protection by nesting their eggs in trees so that hungry predators can't get to them. They also get shelter by using the tree twigs to build nests in trees and rocks. I am sure that animals are grateful to be friends of the forest.

As you can see, trees are remarkably important for the lifestyles of both people and animals. We couldn't eat, sleep or breathe as well without trees. We use trees for shelter, to make heat for warmth and to cook food, and for oxygen. The vital points from my interviews with others also help us understand the many benefits of trees in people's lives. I am grateful for the comforts I enjoy in my life because of the products of trees.