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In this assignment, I have settled for Origami as the appropriate art method that I will use to show how I will incorporate recycling into my daily life. Origami is an ancient Japanese technique of folding papers into artistic objects that have meaning to the real world. Using Origami, one can create art pieces like animals and plants. Using the method of Origami, I choose to create an elephant's head. The tools I will use to create my art piece include packaging bags and scissors. I chose the elephant because it is significant in many aspects; one of the significances of an elephant to humans is a symbol of loyalty and wisdom, two important life aspects that guide me through my daily life. Second, elephants are among the sacred animals worshiped by many across the world. For instance, Hindu faithful elephants have long been revered as holy symbols of harmony, mental toughness, and authority in Hindu mythology and culture. They represent Lord Ganesha, India's oldest Hindu god (Dash et al. 64). He is depicted as an elephant face, and one can notice his monument in many residences. He is regarded as the god of wealth, the remover of hurdles, and the origin of knowledge and wisdom. I will use the wires collected from the dumpsites to create the facial frame of the elephant and then use adhesive to stick the collected pieces of packaging bags onto the frame to develop my elephant head.

The recycling activity I intend to undertake will benefit the environment in different ways. As per Chief Seattle, this network of existence is not woven by man. He's just a thread of

it. Whatever he does to the world impacts himself. This assertion stresses the importance of caring for the earth, not just to avert climate change but also to preserve the planet's ecological order. Because of the interconnectivity of the planet, I feel obligated to contribute to the recycling effort. By creating the elephant's head using recycled materials, there will be less litter in the environment. When burnt, dangerous substances like wires and packaging bags produce harmful gases into the air, causing global warming. Some of the packaging bags are also non-biodegradable; hence using them in this manner will ensure that they are not carried by rainwater to large water bodies, where they pollute the seas and oceans as they get an alternative use. Having fewer packaging bags in the environment will make our surroundings clean, and animals will not eat these bags as they usually do, causing them digestive issues that can lead to death.

My recycling actions align well with Chief Seattle's quote, which is essential to me. As humans, we were created as part of the earth. We are connected to the earth system. Whatever harm we do to the environment, we do it to ourselves too. The environmental degradation and some of the environmental challenges like drought, famine, increasing ocean levels, rising global temperatures, among others, are caused by our activities. Recycling can help address some of the challenges stated and restore the natural balance by easing the pressures we have exerted on the environment before the environment fights back successfully.

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