Hey Kids,

Are you interested in keeping New Jersey's water clean? Well, we need your help! Not long ago, my friends and I found that one of New Jersey's biggest water pollution problems comes from people -- from how we live our daily lives. That means things like littering, not cleaning up after pets, using too many pesticides, and dumping motor oil down storm drains. With close to eight million people living in the state, what everybody does can really add up.

This coloring book tells the story of how we found the source of the problem, and it tells why we started the Clean Water Raiser Team.

Your friend,

Claudius Crab
Clean Water Raiser
Howie the Great Blue Heron lives near New Jersey's rivers, streams, lakes and bays. His friends Marshall Muskrat, Burt Bass and Francine Frog, live there too.
MY NAME IS DIESHA.

HI! I'M CLAUDIUS.

DIESHA DIAMONDBACK AND CLAUDIUS GRAB ENJOY A SUNNY DAY ON THE BAY.
Help me, Claudius!

OK, Burt.

Circle things that don't belong in the water.

Claudius swims over to help his friend Burt.
Where is this stuff coming from?

The River.

Let's go look!

Diesha and her friends want to find where the litter is coming from.
Water flows down stream from the _____ to the bay.

Follow me up the river.

Claudius, Burt and Diesha go up stream in search of the pollution source.
AS Diesha, Burt and Claudius swim up stream, they meet up with their friends, Francine and Marshall. They also find a stormpipe. Marshall volunteers to go up the pipe.

I'll go look!

It looks like garbage is coming from the pipe.
As Howie flies above, Marshall goes through the stormpipe in search of the pollution source.
AS MARSHALL PEEKS OUT THE STORM DRAIN, HE SEES HIS FRIEND HOWIE. HE ALSO SEES WHERE THE LITTER IS COMING FROM.
As Howie flies back to his friends, he sees other sources of pollution.

Circle the sources of pollution.
When it rains the pollution gets washed from the land into the river.

Howie and Marshall tell their friends what they've found.
What can we do?

If we keep our water clean, we can all enjoy our rivers, lakes, and bays more.

We need to let everyone know what they can do.

The friends form the clean water Raingers team to help keep their water clean. That's Raingers as in RAIN!
Draw yourself here, so you can be a part of the Clean Water Raingers Team.
TOP TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP WATER CLEAN AS PART OF THE CWR TEAM

1. **NEVER THROW ANYTHING DOWN STORM DRAINS. THEY ARE FOR RAINWATER ONLY.**

2. **DON'T LITTER. ALWAYS PUT TRASH WHERE IT BELONGS.**

3. **ALWAYS CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS. OBEY YOUR TOWN'S "POOPER SCOOPER" LAWS.**

4. **TELL OTHERS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP OUR LAND AND WATER CLEAN.**

5. **PLANT A TREE. THEY TAKE POLLUTANTS OUT OF GROUND WATER, PROVIDE SHADE, AND CLEAN THE AIR.**

6. **FIND OUT WHAT WATERWAY YOU LIVE NEAR. WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM?**

7. **PRECYCLE! BUY PRODUCTS THAT USE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF PACKAGING.**

8. **RECYCLE. FIND OUT WHAT IS RECYCLABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. BUY PRODUCTS IN RECYCLED OR RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS.**

9. **CONSERVE WATER WHenever POSSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, TURN OFF THE WATER WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH AND DON'T LINGER IN THE SHOWER.**

10. **LEARN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

JOIN THE TEAM!
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