

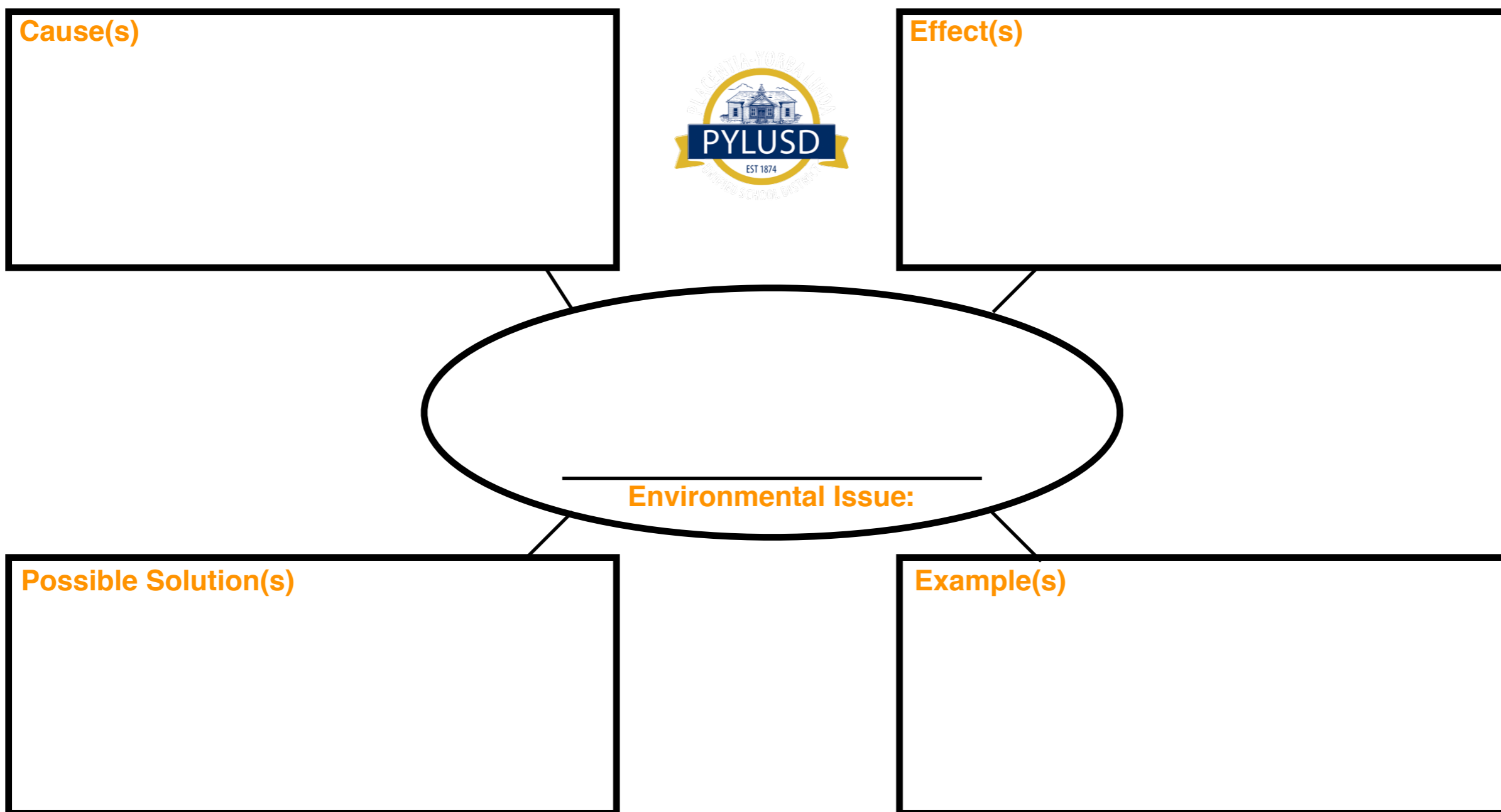


# Eco-Challenge: *Get Inspired!*



You have the power to change the world around you. It starts with identifying a problem, then taking action to find a solution. Use the organization tool below, called a mind map, to help you explore an environmental issue you'd like to see improved.

**Issue:** Organize your thoughts around a central topic. Use research to identify the causes, effects, possible solutions and examples of a specific environmental issue. Fill in the boxes with the information you find.





# Choosing the Right Topic



Which challenge are you planning for? Circle one:

**Fire Ecology**

**Watershed**

**Invasive/Non-Invasive Species**

**Design Your Own**

The first step to success is choosing a topic that you care about. You need to create an Action Plan that's well-suited to your community, so use this worksheet to help your team think about the issues that affect your area.

Write the name of your town or city. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the most common ecosystems in your area? (e.g. pond, beach, forest, park, hills, wetlands)

What are the top three environmental issues that affect these ecosystems? (e.g. loss of biodiversity, pollutions, erosion)

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What is your topic? (Choose the topic that most interests your team.)