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Use the table below to gather details and evidence related to the writing prompt, highlighting the most important details:

One solution for minimizing the amount of plastic pollution in the ocean is to educate others. Your job is to educate other classrooms around the school about why we have a plastic problem and how the plastic problem is impacting the ocean.

To do so, you'll need to:

Write a strong paragraph that describes why we have a plastic problem.	Write a strong paragraph that describes how plastic pollution impacts the ocean.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic became popular because it is moldable• Plastic had many advantages• Plastic products became very popular after World War II• Began buying single-use plastic, throwing it away• People used disposable pens and cups instead of reusable ones• Wind and rain sweep plastic into waterways and oceans• Plastic is broken down in spinning gyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dead albatross had plastic in its stomach• It takes plastic 500 years to break down• Animals eat plastic, enters the food chain• Animals get trapped in plastic nets• Animals travel on plastic rafts• Species in new area can be invasive or eat too much of the food source• Around 20 percent of fish have eaten plastic• Zooplankton eat plastic microbeads• Chemicals in plastic are dangerous for people