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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.
• 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	• 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