

Persuasive Essay

You go to bed pulling the covers over you, laying your head on soft pillows, then suddenly you're laying on a dry rocky surface, thousands of little stones. Suddenly a hungry, fanged animal comes out of nowhere and chases you. I will show you other reasons shelter is not only a comfort; it's a need, from Island Of The Blue Dolphins early human history and current events.

Karanah, the main character in Island Of The Blue Dolphins is marooned on an island with vicious wild dogs. The village where she used to live was just bad memories. So she has to find a safe place. "It was flat on top and wide enough for me to stretch out. Also it was so high from the ground that I did not need to fear the wild dog while I was sleeping." (p. 57) she finds a shelter where she escapes from bad memories and troubles. Plus it protects her from her enemies.

I studied the life of early humans and realized that like today early humans did many activities in their shelters. I learned this from a Message From Ancient Days that archaeologists found the foundation of Homo erectus hut. "Stone flakes were scattered all around the area. Those flakes flew off as people chipped rocks into tools. A second stone in another corner of the hut probably served as a cutting board for meat." (p.107) This quote proves that people feel safe enough in their shelter to do many activities like making tools and cooking.

What would you do without a place to go and be alone and protect your food and stuff? Do you have pets? Don't you think they would steal your food if they had the chance? The shelter in this case is the fridge, which protects my food from my cats. So some people don't have fridges so their food can be stolen or could spoil. Without shelter for their food people could die.

You might say food and water are more important. But if there's no food and water you can always move to another shelter. It doesn't matter who you are you still need shelter to survive, be safe and be happy.