

# Climate Justice Curriculum Toolkit

## Section I: Presentations

Feel free to use these presentations in your classes and programs

If you would like someone from YVA to come present in your class contact [youthvsapocalypse@gmail.com](mailto:youthvsapocalypse@gmail.com) for a YVA staff member to offer a live presentation.

- Introduction to Climate Justice and YVA (First Presentation for Most Groups)
  - [Middle School Intro to Climate Justice](#): An introduction to climate justice featuring middle school students. Focusing on ways that the climate crisis affects people differently based on their intersectional experience and identity as well as where they live, etc.  
**Age group: Grades 6-8**
  - [High School Intro to Climate Justice](#): An introduction to climate justice featuring high school students and engaging slightly more nuanced topics. Focusing on ways to engage politically as well as further connecting the ways in which the climate crisis relates to social justice. [Click here for presenter notes.](#)  
**Age group: Grades 9-12**
  - [Middle School Intro to Climate Justice \(Version 2, Google Slides\)](#): An introduction to climate justice and YVA's Intersectional Analysis. **Age group: Grades 5-8**
  - [Elementary Age Intro Presentation to Climate Justice](#): An introduction to climate justice with simpler, easy to understand wording. This presentation focuses on ways in which younger audiences can participate in a solution towards the climate crisis. [Click here for presenter notes.](#)  
**Age group: Grades 3-6**
  - [Elementary Age Intro Presentation to Climate Justice \(en español\)](#): An introduction to climate justice with simpler, easy to understand wording. This presentation focuses on ways in which younger audiences can participate in a solution towards the climate crisis. [Click here for presenter notes. \(Spanish presenter notes.\)](#) **Age group: Grades 3-6**
- [Restorative Justice and Climate Justice](#) (co-developed with Tatianna Chaterji): An exploration of how RJ principles can be used to understand and act on the climate crisis.  
**Age group: 7th grade and up**
- [The Origins of YVA](#) (developed by Hannah Estrada): This presentation is focused on the environmental racism in Oakland, CA that brought YVA into existence.  
**Age group: 9th grade and older**
- [Climate Justice Kahoot](#): This Kahoot is meant to supplement the presentations and can be a fun way to engage students while also teaching them about climate justice, immigrant justice, racial justice and intersectionality.

## Section II: Video Resources

- [“Brother Earth” video by Boots Riley & Movement Generation](#) (4 mins) : Funny video explaining climate change as expression of fossil fuel co’s, corporate greed.
- [A Message from the Future with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortes](#) (7 mins) : Sketch-cartoon narrated by AOC that lays out the history of the climate crisis and an imagined transition into the Green New Deal beginning with the congressional elections of 2018 that swept in the most diverse congress ever.
- [“Our House is on Fire” by Greta Thunberg](#) (5 mins) : Youth climate striker gives an overview of the urgency around the climate crisis at the World Economic Forum.
- [YR Media Profile of a Young Climate Justice Activist, Isha Clarke](#) (5 mins) : Youth climate striker gives an overview of the urgency around the climate crisis at the World Economic Forum
- [2018 CNN Newscast of the UN’S Climate Science Report](#), noting that “...we have 12 years to slash emissions 50% to avert irreversible catastrophic impacts.”
- [“What Energy Democracy Looks Like”](#) (5 mins) : Produced by Trades Unions for Energy Democracy. Gives quick overview of the climate crisis, and lays out how to have a fast, planned, orderly transition to renewable energy (through transforming energy into a public good).
- [“Covid and the Climate Crisis Animation”](#) (4.5 min) : This is an animation about COVID-19 and the correlations between the pandemic and climate crisis.
- [“No One is Disposable” Music Video by Youth Vs Apocalypse](#) : This is an inspiring music video about how the fight for climate justice includes the fight for many other social justice issues and emphasizes that No One Is Disposable.

## Section III: Articles

- [How Climate Change is Fueling the Border Crisis](#) (New Yorker Magazine), Tells stories of Guatemalan farmers unable to grow food as they have for generations due to climate change - and thus the need to leave.
- [How Climate Change is pushing Central American migrants to the US.](#) (The Guardian), Similar to the New Yorker piece with these anecdotes focussed on Salvadoran farmers.
- [Why #BlackLivesMatter should transform the climate debate](#) (Naomi Klein, The Nation), Shows how the dangerous lack of meaningful action on climate change is a result of the dismissal of the lives of black and brown communities in the global south and in the U.S. who are already suffering from the impacts of climate change and the fossil fuel industry
- [NAACP Publication: Fossil Fueled Foolery](#) (25 pages, with cartoons), An Illustrated Primer on the Top 10 Manipulation Tactics of the Fossil Fuel Industry (Somewhat focussed on how they impact black community health and prevent black communities from fighting back
- [Movement Generation Zine on a Just Transition](#) off fossil fuels, presents an intersectional analysis of problems and solutions with our current system and changing future.

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