

Youth to Power: In the words of Greta Thunberg

July 11, 2021, Seattle Climate Change Meetup

Video Agenda

1. Climate March in Stockholm

https://youtu.be/Iqt_D-6sGHU

Talk to climate march, Stockholm, Sweden, 9/13/2018. Age 15; 1:59

2. How Greta Thunberg Ignited Climate Strikes Around the World

One Small Step, NowThis

Interview/profile from that covers the beginnings of her activism. 12/2020. Age 17. 7:46

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BNvj7VwIM8>

3. Greta Thunberg speech at UN Climate Change COP24 Conference in Poland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFkQSGyeCWg>

12/12/2018. Age 15; 3:29

Transcript: <https://www.lifegate.com/greta-thunberg-speech-cop24>

"You only speak of green eternal economic growth because you are too scared of being unpopular. You only talk about moving forward with the same bad ideas that got us into this mess, even when the only sensible thing to do is pull the emergency brake."

"You are not mature enough to tell it like it is. Even that burden you leave to us children. But I don't care about being popular. I care about climate justice and the living planet."

"Our civilization is being sacrificed for the opportunity of a very small number of people to continue making enormous amounts of money."

"The year 2078, I will celebrate my 75th birthday. If I have children, maybe they will spend that day with me. Maybe they will ask me about you. Maybe they will ask why you didn't do anything while there still was time to act."

"We have come here to let you know that change is coming, whether you like it or not. The real power belongs to the people."

4. Our House is on Fire at Davos 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7dVF9xylaw>

Speech to Davos World Economic Forum 2019, 01/25/2019; Age 16; 6:03

Transcript:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/25/our-house-is-on-fire-greta-thunberg16-urges-leaders-to-act-on-climate>

"You say nothing in life is black and white, but that is a lie, a dangerous lie."

"Adults keep saying 'We owe it to the young people to give them hope. But I don't want your hope, I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act. I want you to act as if you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if the house was on fire. Because it is.'"

"It's so simple, even a small child can understand it."

5. **Greta Thunberg and George Monbiot make short film on the climate crisis**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q0xUXo2zEY>

Short film on the climate crisis with George Monbiot; 09/19/2019; Age 16; 3:40

"It's simple: we need to Protect, Restore, and Fund."

6. **Greta Thunberg's speech to world leaders at UN Climate Action Summit 2019**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAJsdgTPJpU&t=47s>

Speech at UN Climate Action Summit 2019 09/23/2019; Age 16; 5:19

Transcript:

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/23/763452863/transcript-greta-thunbergs-speech-at-the-u-n-climate-action-summit>

"My message is that we'll be watching you."

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet, you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!"

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words and yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and fairytales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

"You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you.

We will not let you get away with this. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not."

7. **Speech to European Parliament, Brussels, March 4, 2020**

<https://youtu.be/ztQzW4qfKEs>

Speech to European Parliament, Brussels, 3/4/2020; Age 17; 8:19

Transcript:

https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/eu-climate-law-and-targets-exchange-of-views-opening-statement-by-with-greta-thunberg-climate-activist_1185413-V_v

"You said that the EU would lead against the existential threat of the climate crisis. And this was wonderful news. When your children set off the fire alarm, you went outside, took a look and smelled the air. You stated that, yes, the house is actually burning.

This was no false alarm. But then you went back inside, finished your dinner and watched your movie and went to bed without even calling the fire department. I'm sorry, but this makes no sense at all when your house is on fire. You don't wait a few more years to start putting it out."

8. **Earth Day 2021 Message**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MByglKAibP4>

Message to the world from Greta for Earth Day 2021; 4/22/2021; Age 18; 4:23

"We cannot be satisfied with something just because it is better than nothing."

"But at least we are not so naive that we believe that things will be fixed by companies and countries making vague and distant hypothetical targets without any real pressure from the media and the general public."

More on Greta Thunberg

Greta on Social Media

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/gretaThunberg/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gretathunberg/>

Fridays for Future

<https://fridaysforfuture.org/>

"I am Greta" Documentary (Hulu)

You will find the documentary on Hulu.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDdEWkA15Rg>

For Nature Video

<https://fornature.earth/#watch>

Video recorded by Greta on agriculture, eating and lifestyle choices for climate action.

Wikipedia Article on Greta

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greta_Thunberg

"In August 2018, at age 15, she started spending her school days outside the [Swedish Parliament](#) to call for stronger [action on climate change](#) by holding up a sign reading *Skolstrejk för klimatet* ([School strike for climate](#)). Soon other students engaged in similar protests in their own communities. Together they organised a [school climate strike](#) movement under the name *Fridays for Future*."

"Her sudden rise to world fame has made her both a leader^[9] and a target for critics,^[10] especially due to her age. Her influence on the world stage has been described by [The Guardian](#) and other newspapers as the "Greta effect".^[11] She received [numerous honours and awards](#), including an [honorary Fellowship of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society](#), inclusion in *Time*'s [100 most influential people](#), being the youngest [Time Person of the Year](#), inclusion in the [Forbes](#) list of [The World's 100 Most Powerful Women](#) (2019),^[12] and three consecutive nominations for the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) (2019–2021).^{[13][14]}"

Talk at TEDx, Stockholm

https://www.ted.com/talks/greta_thunberg_the_disarming_case_to_act_right_now_on_climate_change

Stockholm, Sweden, 11/2018. Age 15; 11:01

Timeline of Greta Thunberg's major speeches & transcripts

<https://www.environmentshow.com/greta-thunberg-speeches/>

Selected Greta Thunberg quotes

BBC, 9/25/2019

From <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49812183>

"The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say - we will never forgive you." - UN Climate Summit, New York, 23 September 2019

My message is that we'll be watching you. This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you. You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. Yet I am one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. - Greta Thunberg, at UN Summit in New York

"We showed that we are united and that we, young people, are unstoppable." - UN Youth Climate Summit, New York City, 21 September 2019

"We are striking because we have done our homework, and they have not." - Climate protest in Hamburg, Germany, 1 March 2019

"Since our leaders are behaving like children, we will have to take the responsibility they should have taken long ago." - COP24, Poland, 4 December 2018

"I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is." - World Economic Forum, Davos, 24 January 2019

"The moment we decide to fulfil something, we can do anything." - Houses of Parliament, UK, 23 April 2019