



Mini Lesson:

Environmental Justice

Learning Targets

- I understand Environmental Justice, and a brief history of the concept
- I understand how Environmental Injustices can impact the lives of marginalized communities

Warm Up Question!

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Think about your neighborhood! Write down three places in your community that impact your health and wellness.

Example: The park down the street is essential to giving me an area to exercise to stay healthy.



What is the Environment?

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Environment = where we live, work, play, pray and learn



What is Environmental Justice?

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Environmental Justice =
Environmental Justice is the *fair treatment* and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of their background when creating, developing or implementing environmental laws and policies.



Environmental Justice Explained

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Post Video Question:

Have you seen these issues in your community before? If so, explain where and in what ways? If not, think of places close to your community where these issues exist.

Feel free to also write down notes, or rewatch the video as needed.

Case Study (Grades 4-6)



This video focuses on a community in the South Bronx, as they deal with air pollution issues. Feel free to also write down notes, or rewatch the video as needed as you answer these questions.

1. What is the environmental justice issue in this video?
2. What solution is being proposed in this video?
3. What type of air monitor would you create? Draw a picture of your innovative solution!

A Brief History of Environmental Justice (Grades 7-8)



This video gives a short overview of the [history of Environmental Justice in the United States](#). Feel free to also write down notes, or rewatch the video as needed as you answer the question below.

Write 5 - 7 sentences on the role that fair treatment and meaningful involvement has played in the history of environmental justice.

A Brief History of Environmental Justice (Grades 9-12)



This video gives a short overview of the [history of Environmental Justice in the United States](#). Feel free to also write down notes, or rewatch the video as needed as you answer the question below.

List 4 key moments in the environmental justice timeline that impacted the health of communities in the US, and describe why.

What did you learn about Environmental Justice?

1. Click on the link that will lead you to WE ACT's [FlipGrid](#), and enter using the password - **weact4ej**
1. Watch the video on the WE ACT story
1. Click on the plus to record a short video to explain **what you learned about environmental justice**. (Feel free to use emojis, filters and other fun tools!)

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