

Environmental Justice: Rooting for Change

Activists

Objectives

SWBAT research an Environmental Justice activist in order to create an activist poster
SWBAT utilize Canva to design an engaging, informative poster

Background information

Environmental Justice activists play a huge role in spreading awareness for their various causes. Thanks to social media, more people are able to engage with these activists in meaningful ways to learn and take action.

8th graders will research an Environmental Justice activist in order to create a poster to be hung in the museum. One goal of activism and art is to educate the community. These posters will help teach visitors of the museum all about living activists who they can continue to follow and learn from.

Student facing presentation materials

[Slides](#)

Materials

Canva

Canva [tutorials](#)

Things to think about when designing:

Varying font sizes, color scheme, balance of words and images

Important Canva tools:

Background remover

(Right click) Send backward, Send to back, Bring forward, Bring to front

Elements

List of Activists:

Mary Annaise Heglar

Rhiana Gunn-Wright, arc

Amber Tamm

Leah Thomas

Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson

Aja Barber

Indy Srinath

Kinsale Hueston

Manju Kumar

Nelson Zepequeno

Pashon Murray

Pattie Gonia

Dominique Drakeford

Mikaela Loach

Eddie Love
Rev. Lennox Yearwood
Corina Newsome
Karen T Campblin
Raviya Ismail
Latresse Snead
Joycelyn Longdon
Xiye Bastida
Kristy Drutman
Dominique Palmer
Elizabeth Wanjiru Wathuti
Leah Namugerwa
Greta Thunberg

WORKSHEET:

Activist Name:

Social Media handles:

Quote from the activist about their work:

Brief description of their activism:

Any other interesting facts we should know:

What are some images you could use to illustrate their activism?

A woman with a voice: Kinsale Hueston

Kinsale Hueston born in California, is a native who advocates for indigenous rights and women. She made a book that contains poetry about femininity, empowerment and diversity. Kinsale Hueston is the founder of the changing Womxn collective (a digital program that serves to uplift the marginalized voices of women, femmes and non binary people of color). Hueston Speaks at events, wearing clothing from Indigenous people.

It's so important to connect with other young artists and amplify their voices.

IG: @KinsaleHues
Website: www.kinsaledrake.com

Dominique Drakeford

Dominique Drakeford wants for food to be more sustainably in our daily lives and help in sustainable fashion. She made a digital platform called *WomxnSpeaks*. It's a blog that talks about sustainable fashion, nature, beauty, culture and local emergency efforts to help.

"Women's well-being and health are a big part of sustainability, especially for Black and nonbinary."

@DominiqueDrakeford on all platforms
website: www.dominiquedrakeford.com

PATTIE GONZA

She uses her platform to challenge conventional representation of a climate activist. Her activism is a mix of art, fashion, and social media. She has been featured in *VICE*, *ELLE*, and *Teen*.

People Center to support commercial activities and bring (Climate) Justice.

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Pashon Murry

Pashon is an environmental activist who works to educate people on reducing, recycling, and reuse of material in Detroit. Her goal is to help improve the carbon footprint in Detroit. Everyday she is helping Detroit through revitalizing neighborhoods, finding solutions for waste getting rid of through composting.

Murry started Detroit Dirt, a local composting and waste collecting company in 2010 that specializes in providing a sustainable option for the metro Detroit community.

Keep the creator first, everything we have is a gift. Discipline and belief is key. Failures & hard work are a part of the plan. It's not how much you have, it's what you do with what you have.

@pashonmurry

MIKAELA LOACH

MIKAELA LOACH IS A HARDWORKING, PASSIONATE, AND A DETERMINED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST. SHE USES HER SOCIAL MEDIA TO SHARE VISUALLY AND EMOTIVE CONTENT ABOUT THE CLIMATE CRISIS. THE LATEST CAMPAIGN SHE STARTED WAS TO PREVENT THE UK GOVERNMENT FROM FORTING A HUGE GAS FIELD IN THE NORTH SEA.

"I really wanted my first speaking gig to be about something that would make a difference. That's why I chose to be an environmental activist."

@mikaelaloach

Leah Thomas

Leah Thomas is a sustainability and environmental activist. She is a co-founder of *GreenGoddess*, a platform that provides resources and support for women in the environmental movement.

"The whitewash narrative of sustainability was enough for a company to be considered a 'good company'."

@greengoddess

LEAH THOMAS

Leah Thomas is the founder of the intersecting environmentalist platform, an online resource and community that advocates for justice and inclusivity in the environmental movement and education.

twitter: @leathomas
IG: @greengoddess

Leah Namugerwa

Leah Namugerwa is a 18 year old young Ugandan climate activist, born in 2004 (18 years old). She began her activism when she was 14, inspired by actions of Tim Hetherington, her uncle and a Ugandan environmentalist, as well as Greta Thunberg, another young climate activist. Regularly changing weather patterns in Uganda have led to severe climate disasters. As all these disasters continue, Namugerwa began to wonder why they were happening. She realized her father, who experienced it was her father because climate change. It was her father that followed in the footsteps of her uncle and Greta and became an activist. In February 2019 she began to speak at events. She also started a campaign called *Uganda's Climate Change*. She also started a campaign called *Uganda's Climate Change*. She also started a campaign called *Uganda's Climate Change*.

@leahnamugerwa

SWEDISH ACTIVIST

Greta Thunberg

She is a Swedish climate activist who has become a global symbol of the climate movement. She is known for her powerful speeches and her refusal to be silenced.

@gretathunberg