

Thursday — Environmental Justice in Today's Communities

Quarter 4 · Weeks 30–31: Civil Rights & Contemporary Issues

STANDARDS 5.G.A.1 · 5.G.A.2 · RI.5.6 · W.5.2 · W.5.7 · 5-PS2-1 · NYS 5.8 · NYS 5.9

SOCIAL STUDIES

Investigate the Flint Water Crisis as a case study for how environmental policies disproportionately affect marginalized communities.

Materials & Prep

- world map / hemisphere map
- social studies notebook
- primary source excerpt

MATH

Students interpret a coordinate graph showing the correlation between distance from pollutants and neighborhood health outcomes (5.G.A.2).

Materials & Prep

- math notebook
- pencil + eraser
- scratch paper
- graph paper / coordinate grid

ELA

Students compare the rhetoric of modern environmental justice leaders with historical civil rights activists to analyze shifts in tone (RI.5.6).

Materials & Prep

- anchor text or copies
- vocabulary log
- writing notebook

SCIENCE

Students use force meters to measure the pull of gravity on historical artifact replicas to calculate the net force during a fall (5-PS2-1).

Materials & Prep

- science notebook
- pencil
- lab safety reminder