



TEACHER RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE STRIKE

Who: youth-led, supported by allies

What: Sept. 20 global strike day, followed by week of actions

When: September 20th - 27th, 2019

Where: all over the planet

Why: *The purpose of the climate strike is to show that*

millions of people are prepared to stop their “business as usual” to show their concern about climate and to demand action from governments and corporations.

Why “climate strike”? School strikers are calling on everyone — young people, parents, workers, and all concerned citizens— to join massive climate strikes September 20 and a week of actions throughout the following week. Youth strikers are demanding emergency action to avoid climate breakdown. They are demanding that governments immediately provide a safe pathway to stay below 1.5 degrees of warming.

They are demanding an end to the age of fossil fuels. Young people hope this moment will show that they have the backing of millions of people who have a growing dread about the climate emergency but who have so far stayed on the sidelines.

What can you do on the day of the climate strike?

The purpose of the climate strike is to show that millions of people are prepared to stop their “business as usual” to show their concern about climate and demand action from governments and corporations. Youth are asking that people will leave their offices, their farms, their factories; that candidates will step off the campaign trail and athletes off the field; that movie actors will scrub off their makeup and teachers lay down their chalk; that cooks will close their restaurants and bring meals to protests; that retirees will break their daily routines and join in sending a message our leaders must hear: *Day by day, business as usual is destroying the chance for a healthy, safe future on our planet.* Be sure to let the media know what you are doing!

BAY AREA Community Actions

In every community there is likely to be a day of marching, direct action, speeches, press conferences, arrests, and mass public education. On September 20th, starting at 10am, at 90 7th St. in San Francisco there will be a youth-led climate strike march, going to different targets that are contributing to climate breakdown, leaving our mark to let these places know what we

are fighting for. We will again start at the office of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and will connect targets in government, finance, and energy. For those that can't join in person, we will be asking people to post on social media and tag our targets.

On September 25th, youth and adults will head over to Chevron's headquarters to demand them to contribute in repairing the harm they have done to the people, the environment and other species. Together we will demand them to promise to become the first gas/oil company to switch to an all green renewable system, and stop producing fossil fuels by 2025.

Stay-ins and Teach-ins

You can also organize actions right in your worksite. It could be halting work for a time to have a meeting or discussion. Or it could be right before or after work or during a mealtime break. Use it as an opportunity to educate your co-workers and organize for the future.

As teachers, we also have the opportunity to create lessons using well-researched, user-friendly resources during the week of Climate Strike actions and throughout the year.

Additional info: In-class teaching resources for a range of ages:

- <https://www.zinnedproject.org/campaigns/teach-climate-justice>
- <https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/message-from-future-with-alexandria-ocasio-cortez/>
- [Dave Eggers: why we should listen to teenagers speak about climate crisis](#)
- ['We need everyone': Greta Thunberg calls on adults to join climate strikes](#)
- ARTS KIT [HERE](#) (posters, how-to, resources)
- [Climate Strike Toolkit](#)
- **Links to local actions and groups**
- <https://www.climatejusticesf.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/370245703647109/>
- <https://fossilfreeca.org/2019/07/08/teachers-save-the-planet-and-your-pension/>
- [September week of action in the Bay Area](#)
- [September 20th Facebook event](#) + [Climate Strike presentation request form](#)