

11/14 & 11/16: Poster Presentations

- Environmental racism → environmental justice (in phases: racism through policy and placement of industries, environmental and health effects, how people are trying to solve it now)
 - “poisons of a modern economy” and our government structures are outdated for it; solutions to problems creating other problems we need to solve - and poor communities of color face the brunt of it...
 - one key question from looking at our topics: how does everyone get what they want at low cost? (it’s complicated, there are consequences, socioeconomic and environmental - often in a feedback loop)
 - process: choose an example, researched it, looked at primary resources and developing argument, made it into a visual representation
- Further discussion of our *poster topics/places* (social and environmental history, state of the area now, potential solutions)...
 - Coal Plant in Little Village in Chicago
 - Pig Industries in North Carolina
 - Waste Water in Mount Vernon
 - Segregation and Environmental Impacts in Milwaukee
 - Coal Ash in Uniontown, Alabama
 - Uranium Mining and the Navajo Nation
 - Standing Rock and the Dakota Access Pipeline
 - Water and Air Pollution in Southern California

- How we would move forward with our research
 - more in-depth research would be able to take it further
 - “the fix” → talking about people who are advocating, possible solutions
 - going deeper into the history, connections, showing why things happened the way they did through specific primary sources

- How to change the social and political structures (“environmental justice”)
 - environmental racism as a part of systemic racism (but if problems are part of the same system, solutions should be connected too)
 - actually solving issues and not putting them off or placing distance between people and the problem (e.g. “just move away”)
 - solving political gridlock, “writing a new constitution” → need for laws *and* apparatus, systemic organization to solve the problems