

**Middle & High School Climate Strike Curriculum, Sept. 20. 2019 © GWE (4 pages)**

**4 min:** Today, we are going to talk about global warming and climate change

Here is what one 15-year-old had to tell us all about it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbDnPj0G0wY>

**7 min:** Here is what some New Mexico 9, 10 & 11-year-old kids have to say about it:

<https://vimeo.com/globalwarmingexpress>

Here is what is happening about it, today, right here in ABQ :

**3 min:** (Suggestion- click each slide open, to discuss)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nfGaMospNe8mYyUW3EwNW6RIkdnektR6TA9UjzMRCgo/edit?ts=5d72b304#slide=id.p>

**What do we know about it?**

**4 Min.** Here is a script that we can share in reading –

(Teacher has copies for each student and asks students to each read one line, or projects on to the white board)

- the earth is heating up to the point where it will not be able to stop heating
- Why? Because, since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, we have been burning fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal) at industrial levels, so that, in less than 200 years, we have caused the earth to heat up, almost to the point of all-species extinction, with catastrophe starting now and increasing
- best, optimistic guess is that we have 10 years to make Big Changes
- all of the scientific solutions to solving this crisis are available and ready to be put into action
- all that is needed is the leaders in the world to Press the Button that is marked "GO"
- to allow the scientists, engineers, technicians and local leaders to move into Action
- but the World Leaders are hesitating
- because almost our entire world is dependent upon fossil fuels and those, and other multi-nation companies are so wealthy and so powerful that they influence our leaders to not make any changes
- but there is a new chapter that has started in the story
- the Youth are rising up
- young people like us are demanding change and the media, social media and even the world leaders are reacting positively and starting to tell the true story and to change our systems
- so, young people are starting to Win!
- but we need more, lots more, kids and youth to continue to realize that their voices ..
- are the **most powerful ones in the world Right Now**
- because adults are not listening to other adults, but they are caught off-guard when kids and youth speak up
- to remind them of the truth, of what is at stake and that they hold the power to change
- as Greta says: if not us, who? If not now, when?
- what do *you* want to do
- Right Now?

**10 min.**

Ask students to answer, while one takes notes on the white board.

**If students want help in learning more and mobilizing and learning more, send list of student responses to:**

**Questions? Email: [genie@theglobalwarmingexpress.org](mailto:genie@theglobalwarmingexpress.org)**

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**More resources:**

Link: [Climate Strike Educator Resource Guide](#)

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**Question:**

**What is one thing you would you tell these teens about global warming and climate change?**

**Answers from youth and adults around the U.S. to you students:**

*You might not be thinking too much about your children and grandchildren right now, but soon you will realize it is their future and their children's and grandchildren's future that hangs in the balance right now."*

*Attend the Climate Strike but don't drive there.*

*Get informed and get involved.*

*It's not surprising if you have strong feelings of anger, anxiety and sadness. It's essential to express it and get engaged in working toward solutions. That actually is what we need right now — young people's voices matter. Look at t Project Drawdown, Paul Hawken's book, to find out the many, many solutions we have to reverse warming. There is Hope.*

*If being informed doesn't lead to action, and changes to how one lives one's life, it leads to complicity.*

*We need to stop climate change right now because we're destroying the earth!*

*The climate crisis will impact every aspect of life on earth during your lifetime; and while it can't be stopped, it can still be slowed and gradually reversed— but only if every one of you commits to make that happen.*

*You have the power to turn this emergency into a timeless human triumph by leading a revolution.*

*The uncertainty of our situation is profound... we need to be awake, listening well to the needs of the Earth, and working together to live with love and creative possibilities*

*In the next twenty years, NO ONE will escape the impacts of climate change. If we are to be positive and proactive, we must work together to create solutions that will create jobs and new opportunities as we transition to a sustainable work that respects current and future generation of human beings and the global ecosystem..*

*Don't worry about naysayers- people who disagree. Get informed and keep speaking up.*

*Keep Calm and Start a Revolution.*