

Americans Who Tell the Truth

Environmental Justice Resources

Use this resource page to guide your students as they learn about AWTT portrait subjects who have engaged with **Environmental Justice** issues.

Essential Questions:

- What does environmental justice mean?
- What is environmental racism?
- How do environmental justice and environmental racism connect?
- What is climate change and why is it questioned?
- Why is climate change an environmental justice issue?
- How do humans impact and alter the environment?
- What are some types of green energy? What are their “pros and cons”?
- How does environmental justice impact me and my community?

Truth Tellers and Environmental Justice

Lesson: Who are the AWTT portrait subjects?

Using our lesson plan [Who are the AWTT portrait subjects?](#), choose three of the portrait subjects listed below. This lesson will help students learn more about the portrait subjects' lives and their commitment to environmental justice.

[Judy Bonds](#)

[Rachel Carson](#)

[Dianna Cohen](#)

[Tim DeChristopher](#)

[Jaysa Hunter-Mellers](#)

[Kelsey Juliana](#)

[Robin Wall Kimmerer](#)

[Naomi Klein](#)
[Aldo Leopold](#)
[Russell Libby](#)
[Chloe Maxmin](#)
[Bill McKibben](#)
[Sandra Steingraber](#)
[Diane Wilson](#)
[Rev. Lenox Yearwood](#)

Lesson: Speaking Truth to Youth Environmental Justice (video interviews)

Use our [Speaking Truth to Youth Intro Lesson](#) to explore three of these portrait subjects and what we can learn from them:

[Dianna Cohen](#)
[Tim DeChristopher](#)
[Bill McKibben](#)
[Diane Wilson](#)

Other resources to explore:

[350.org](#)
[Zinn Education Project: Teach Climate Justice Campaign](#)
[EcoRise: Introduction to Environmental Justice for Elementary, Middle, and High School Students](#)
[Amara Ifeji - Storytelling for Social Change | Bioneers 2023](#)

Integrate AWTT Activities into multiple content areas:

Connect what your students are learning in a variety of content areas – science, social studies, English language arts, math, creative arts – by completing the following activities:

- Select four of the suggested portraits. After reading the bios, discuss the meaning of the quotes. What challenges do the quotes present?
- Dig deeper! Register for the [Samantha Smith Challenge](#) to help your students take a deeper dive into Environmental Justice.