

# Educate!

## **Show a Film**

Choose from the following selection of films or find another film that highlights the issue of climate change.

You can show a film in one of your classes, after school, or find a donated space somewhere in the community. Advertise your film showing in the local newspaper or on local radio stations. Put up posters around your school and neighborhood. Set up a table and provide information about your group to those who come see your film.

## **Film Selections**

You can find films highlighting the issues surrounding climate change at your local video store or library, such as:

### **An Inconvenient Truth**

Documentary

Running Time: 100 minutes

Directed by David Guggenheim, 2006

<http://www.climatecrisis.net/aboutthefilm/>

In this academy award winning documentary former Vice President Al Gore invites the viewer to join him on his plight to save the planet from the irreversible destruction being caused by global warming.

- To what three causes does this film attribute global warming?
- According to this film, why do many Americans still not believe in global warming?
- What are alternative sources of energy?
- What can you do to help slow global warming?

### **The Great Warming**

Documentary

Running Time: 85 Min

Directed by Michael Taylor, 2006

Narrated by Alanis Morissette and Keanu Reeves

<http://www.thegreatwarming.com/>

This documentary highlights research and statistics surrounding global warming issues, showcases everyday people who have felt the effects, and discusses innovative ways to make a difference.

- What did you think about some of the statistics that were shared in the film? Were you shocked by any of them?
- How has global warming affected people's everyday life?
- What can you do to stop and reverse the effects of global warming?

## **What's Up With the Weather?**

Documentary from TV series NOVA on PBS

Running Time: 112 minutes

Directed by Jon Palfreman

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/warming/>

NOVA and FRONTLINE join forces to investigate the science and politics of one of the most controversial issues of the 21st century: the truth about global warming

- Why do you think so many Senators voted against the Kyoto treaty?
- Why do you think global warming has been such a controversial issue?
- What do you think our planet will be like 10 years from now if nothing is done to try to stop and reverse the effects of global warming?

## **Who Killed the Electric Car?**

Documentary

Running Time: 92 minutes

Directed by Chris Paine, 2006

Rated PG for "brief mild language,"

Recommended for ages 8 and up

This documentary explores the short-lived life of the electric car during the 1990's.

- Why did gasoline beat out electricity as the fuel of choice?
- Who is ultimately to blame for the "death" of the electric car?
- Do you think an electric or hydrogen-powered car will be a vehicle of the future?

## **Too Hot Not to Handle**

Documentary

Running Time: 54 Minutes

Directed by Maryann DeLeo and Ellen Goosenburg Kent

<http://www.hbo.com/docs/programs/toohot/index.html>

This documentary investigates the effects of global warming in the United States.

- How will the weather, animals, and glaciers be affected by global warming?
- How will these changes affect the lives of all of us?

## **Power Shift: Energy + Sustainability**

Documentary

Running Time: 30 minutes

Narrated by Cameron Diaz

<http://goworldlink.org/programs/powershiftvideo.html>

This short documentary explores issues around energy, sustainability and technology

- What is sustainable development?
- How can technology contribute to sustainability?

## **Saved by the Sun**

Documentary from TV series NOVA on PBS  
Running Time: 56 minutes

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/solar/shop.html>

This documentary investigates the need for alternative sources of energy, how solar energy works and the different options which are being utilized in the world today

- What are some pros and cons to using solar energy?
- How is solar energy being used around the world today?
- Do you think solar energy will become a main energy source in the future? Why or why not?

## **Transforming Energy**

Documentary  
Running Time: 60 Minutes  
Directed by Chuck Davis

<http://www.transformingenergy.com/about/index.html>

This film highlights the affects of global warming, and explores the types of alternative energy which may be able to transform the way the world works.

- What types of alternative energy are discussed in the film?
- What are the benefits of these types of energy compared to traditional forms of energy like oil?
- What steps need to be taken to begin the shift from oil to other types of energy?

## **The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour**

Documentary  
Running Time: 95 Minutes  
Directed by Nadia Connors and Leila Connors Peterson  
Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio

<http://wip.warnerbros.com/11thhour/>

The 11th Hour is the last moment when change is possible. The film explores how we've arrived at this moment -- how we live, how we impact the earth's ecosystems, and what we can do to change our course.

- How do the actions of humans affect the earth?
- What changes can we make to slow and repair the damage we have done?

## **Arctic Tale**

Documentary/Family

Running Time: 84 minutes

Directed by Adam Ravetch and Sarah Robertson

Narrated by Queen Latifah

<http://www.arctictalemovie.com/>

This film documents the life of a polar bear cub and a walrus pup as they struggle to survive on the rapidly melting arctic ice beneath them.

- How do our own actions affect our immediate surroundings, the environment, and other people and animals?
- What responsibility do we have as humans to preserve and protect the environment?