

# 7th Grade Wonder Week: An Environmental Justice Expedition

*What are the connections between environmental justice and racism in the United States?*

*In what ways does the study of environmental justice reveal information about race and class in the United States?*

*What connections exist between environmental health and race?*

*How can we shed light on the connections between environmental injustice and racism through journalism?*

*How has industrialization disproportionately impacted low-income communities and communities of color in the United States and around the world?*

## Overview:

This year in humanities, you have studied the importance of storytelling. We know that others' stories may not always be ours to tell, but we do have a responsibility to shed light on injustice as it appears in our world. Writing, as well as creating other various forms of art, is a way to share our knowledge and garner attention towards important topics. You have also spent your year learning about the impact of modern life on the environment, analyzing topics such as urbanization and manufacturing. For your final assignment of 7th grade, you will combine your knowledge from both humanities and science this year to conduct a case study and produce a feature article on a case of environmental injustice in the United States. You will be able to choose between the following topics:

- Hurricane Katrina (New Orleans, LA)
- Tar Creek
- Chilpancingo: Metales Y Derivados
- Asthma, Environmental Health, and Race

Unit Overview	
<b>Week 1</b> <i>May 29-31</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Background knowledge and introduction to unit</li><li>- Environmental Justice Panel</li></ul>
<b>Week 2</b> <i>June 3-7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Case study deep dive and research</li><li>- Begin feature article</li><li>- Begin protest artwork</li></ul>
<b>Week 3</b> <i>June 10-12</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finishing touches</li><li>- Celebration of Learning: June 12</li></ul>

Graded Assignments	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Feature Article</li><li>- Protest Art</li><li>- Additional Classwork and HOWLs</li></ul>	Homework will vary daily, so it will be exceptionally important to keep the habit of checking your agenda. Throughout much of this unit, the homework will be to finish and revise work from class

***I understand that homework expectations will vary throughout this unit, but any homework will be written in the school agendas. I know that the final Celebration of Learning is June 12 from 10:30- 11:30***

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_