

Use these definitions to help your group understand Infographic Panel 1

Environmental racism: The choices and policies that result in lower-quality air, water, and soil for communities of color

Fossil fuels: Materials (such as coal, oil, and natural gas or methane) that are extracted from the earth and burned for energy. Fossil fuels are one of the main factors causing climate change

Redevelopment: The process of changing the purpose or use of a building or piece of land into something different

Refinery: A factory where crude oil undergoes physical and chemical changes to become a variety of other products, including gasoline, diesel, kerosene, butane, and more

Incinerator: A factory where trash is burned, releasing both energy and pollution

Divest: To remove financial support; to stop paying for something

Solidarity: Unity

Fracking: A process of extracting natural gas, or methane, from deep underground

Infrastructure: All of the structures that help a system function - such as roads, electrical wires, pipelines, etc.

Particulates: Very tiny pieces of pollution floating in the air that can cause health problems