



#### BIOSPHERES IN ACTION!









### WEEK 1: BUILDING OUR BIOSPHERES





## WEEK 1 CONTINUED...











### WEEK 2: BIOSPHERE CHALLENGE!



Cycles





### WEEKS 3-5: BIOSPHERE CHALLENGES CONTINUED...







Resilience







### WEEK 6: FINAL CHALLENGE AND EARTHSTONES!

#### 10 sentences = \$500



#### \$500 EARNED TOWARDS FINAL PROJECT!



#### Our Research Questions:

- 1. How does extreme weather affect school grounds?
  - a. Flooding, ice trees, runoff, parking lot
- 2. How does extreme weather affect the school building and structure? Is the building safe?
- 3. How will we get to and from school in the case of extreme weather?
- 4. What is our emergency response to extreme weather?
- 5. How does extreme weather affect electricity? Heat? Power? Water/pipes?
- 6. Can we improve our school's transportation systems to reduce our carbon footprint
  - a. Bus for field trips
  - b. Bike accessibility
- 7. How much waste does our 7/8th grade class produce? Can we reduce this?
- 8. How does our school purchasing affect climate change/contribute to our carbon footprint.
- 9. How much water does the school use?
  - a. Researching from a sustainability standpoint

#### Class Brainstorm/Help Session:

Prompt 1: Researching school preparedness vs. Carbon Footprint

Prompt 2: Methods Comparison

### RESEARCH METHODS WE'VE USED



Methods: Observation and independent research

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Methods: Interview a family member!

Methods: Interview peers and teachers at school!







# NEXT CLASS: STORYTELLING WORKSHOP For Presentation Introduction

**GOAL:** Tell a personal story to engage your audience. This should relate to your research question if possible but it can also be a general climate change connection..

trash/recycling

treatment

center in Keene.

How did that

impact me?

### PHASE 2: CONTINUE RESEARCH!



**Methods:** Research case studies and related resources in your town



**Methods:** Email local companies and people that might have information related to your project.



**GOAL:** Put all your research together in an engaging way!



- Engages audience with a personal connection/story
- Connects your topic to one or more of the Core Concepts of Climate Change
- Explains how your classes research can improve your schools resiliency and/or reduce its carbon footprint



- **Research Question:** Clearly state your research question
- **Research Design:** Share your methods!
  - How did you design and conduct your research to answer your research question?

#### **3. Results**



- Summarize your most important data!
- Data should be summarized in various forms when appropriate:
  - Graphs
  - Interview results summarized
  - Storyboard of research methods
  - Summary in words

#### 4. Conclusion



- **Explain major findings:** What patterns do you see in the data? How do your findings relate to the core concepts of climate change?
- Why does this data matter?: What are the impacts of your research? Based on your research, what ideas do you have for improving your school's resiliency and/or reduce its contribution to climate change?