

Video Topic Ideas

Be creative! Be original! Educate and Entertain!

We want to see it all: animations, music videos, interviews, comedy, documentary style, you name it! Below are a few topic ideas to get you started. Use these suggestions as a starting point, but brainstorm your own ideas as well!

Share your experiences:

- How has air pollution directly impacted you and your family? Your health? Your lifestyle?
- What is climate change and how is it impacting your community?
- Do you see examples of environmental injustices in your community? What does environmental justice mean to you? Discuss Houston's history of environmental justice and injustice.

Showcase people in your community:

- Who are the people in your community, whether people from school, government, nonprofits or other institutions, that are working on environmental change? What do they have to say?
- If you could have a one-on-one discussion with Houston-area elected officials about environmental health, what would you tell them?
- What teens do you know who are fighting to _____? (Give a specific, here: "make our air cleaner" or "reduce their family's consumption of fossil fuels") What do they have to say about the air pollution, health and environmental challenges facing Houston?
- What are small things people can do every day to help prevent air pollution and climate change?

Tell a Story:

- What will Houston look like in 50 years? Show us the Clean Houston of the future if we make a change and/or the Dirty Houston of the future if we don't make change. What does it look like? What are the major issues? How would you address those issues?
- Every object tells a story, from the way it was produced to the way it changes the people who use it. What object in your life or house most tells you a story about climate change, air pollution and health?
- The history of... (air pollution in Houston, environmental justice, Port Houston, etc...)

Do some Research:

- How does pollution hurt our health? What are the impacts of air pollution on the body?
- What other sources of energy could Houston turn to instead of oil and gas? How would these sources of energy improve our lives?
- What are some of the pollutants you are most worried about? Why?
- What is the real cost to the environment of your favorite pair of sneakers? How much air pollution is emitted from the manufacturing and transport of your shoes?

Explore Your City:

- What do we know about Houston's port and about goods movement/ freight in Houston? How does the system work, and why are things the way they are? How does it impact Houston – both positively and negatively? How would you improve it?
- What are the common and uncommon sources of air pollution in the Houston area?
- What does it mean that Houston is "The Energy Capital of the World"? If it's a good thing, why? If it's a bad thing, why? How does that shape your city, your neighborhood, and your experiences as a Houstonian?
- What/who is most responsible for the emissions that are changing our climate? What should Houston residents do about that?

Sample Videos

Teens Care About Clean Air Video Contest Hall of Fame:

[“Inhaling Hope” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpFvz3Zm8r0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpFvz3Zm8r0)

[“Illustrated: Particulate Matter’s Health Effects” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=randDdYRK_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=randDdYRK_Y)

[“13 Reasons Why Our Air is Polluted”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=57&v=qBWw81i1ryY&feature=emb_logo)

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Other sample videos:

[“Climate Change is Real” https://vimeo.com/317857145](https://vimeo.com/317857145)

[“The Transition from Oil to Renewable Resources”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=Q6iUbkkP5Pw&feature=emb_logo)

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[“A Brief History of the 5-cent Bag Tax”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=gpxEstCqUfY)

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[“A Place Called Home” https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=63&v=zbf1Rzp8iLw&feature=emb_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=63&v=zbf1Rzp8iLw&feature=emb_logo)

[“What will you do?” https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=68&v=KREO-EGk9VE&feature=emb_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=68&v=KREO-EGk9VE&feature=emb_logo)