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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

COP26 2021

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **Climate Change** (n.) - Long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns.
2. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** (n.) - Emissions from human activities strengthen the greenhouse effect, causing climate change. Most being carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels: coal, oil, natural gas.
3. **COP26** (n.) - The 26th ‘Conference of the Parties’, in which countries from all over the world meet for a global climate summit to reach agreements to tackle climate change. The summit is attended by tens of thousands of negotiators, government representatives, businesses and citizens for twelve days of talks.
4. **Carbon Neutral** (adj.) - Making no net release of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, especially through offsetting emissions by planting trees and other mitigating actions.
5. **Non-Binding** (adj.) - Having no legal or binding force.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- What are the motivations behind world leaders conferring to discuss climate change?
- How might the decisions and agreements made during COP26 2021 directly and indirectly affect your community?
- Are there stakeholders and communities who should have an amplified voice during the COP26 2021 conference? Explain.
- How have the national and international discussions around climate change evolved over the past 25 years?
- What role should larger, more industrialized economies have in addressing and mitigating the impacts of climate change on developing nations and regions?
- In your opinion, what should be done to countries who are not upholding the agreements they made to curb climate action? Who should hold them accountable and how?
- In your opinion, what are the biggest obstacles involved with countries taking proper action to address climate change? What can be done to address these obstacles?