
Climate Justice Project Rubric

	Exemplary (4-5	Proficient (3	Basic (1-2	Needs Improvement
Criteria	points)	points)	points)	(o points)
1. Indigenous Land Connection	Comprehensive acknowledgment of Indigenous land, tribe(s), languages, firsthand account, and thorough investigation of the landback movement in the Bay Area.	Mostly accurate acknowledgment and sufficient investigation of the landback movement.	Partial acknowledgment and minimal investigation of the landback movement.	Failed to acknowledge Indigenous land or investigate the landback movement.
2. Environmental Vulnerability	Comprehensive assessment of climate damage risks using climatecheck.com, and detailed recount of extreme weather event impacts on humans, animals, and finances.	Sufficient assessment of climate damage risks, and some recount of extreme weather impacts.	Minimal assessment of climate damage risks and recount of extreme weather impacts.	Failed to assess climate damage risks or recount extreme weather impacts.
3. Local Access	Comprehensive assessment of local access using relevant scores/data, and exploration of tree	Sufficient assessment of local access and exploration of tree equity scores with some indicators.	Minimal assessment of local access and exploration of tree equity scores with few indicators.	Failed to assess local access or explore tree equity scores.

4. Climate Justice Organization and Groups	equity scores with all indicators. Comprehensive presentation of organization information, and well-reasoned assessment of its effectiveness in addressing climate justice issues.	Sufficient presentation of organization information, and some assessment of its effectiveness.	Minimal presentation of organization information and assessment of its effectiveness.	Failed to present organization information or assess its effectiveness.
5. Reflection	Deep and insightful reflections on the research experience, highlighting discoveries, interesting findings, potential future actions, and alignment with existing knowledge.	Sufficient reflections on the research experience with some insights on discoveries, interesting findings, potential future actions, and alignment with existing knowledge.	Minimal reflections on the research experience with significant lack of insights.	Failed to provide reflections on the research experience.

6. Action Step	Clear and comprehensive explanation of the chosen action with a connection to research findings, and comprehensive documentation of its impact with relevant pictures or graphs.	Sufficient explanation of the chosen action with some connection to research findings, and some documentation of its impact with relevant pictures or graphs.	Minimal explanation of the chosen action with weak or no connection to research findings, and minimal documentation of its impact.	Failed to explain the chosen action or document its impact.
7. Overall Presentation and Cohesiveness	Project is well-presented in any chosen format (slideshow, video, infographic, poster board, etc.), with clear and professional visuals, audio, and content, and a cohesive flow between sections.	Project is mostly well-presented in any chosen format, with some clear and professional visuals, audio, and content, and some cohesiveness.	Project is minimally presented in any chosen format, with some lack of clarity and professionalism, and minimal cohesiveness.	Project is poorly presented in any chosen format, with significant lack of clarity, professionalism, and cohesiveness.