



Climate Change and Traditional Places

Lesson Plan

This lesson encourages discussion on how climate change might impact a traditional places, resources or practices, such as those related to fishing, farming, gathering, worship, recreation, etc.

The student is required to research at public or private sources for an old photo featuring a place, resource or practice from their island that has traditional significance and that might be impacted by a changing climate. The photo must be saved along with information on the location of the site or details of the resource or practice, the estimated date of photo, the name of the photographer (if available) and the source of the photo (e.g., book, state archive, etc.).

The student will then take a new photo (high resolution recommended) of what that place, resource or practice is like now. The new photo must be saved along with information on the site, practice or resource; date of photo; and the name of the student who took the picture.

The student will utilize the photos in an interview with an elder to discuss the traditional place, resource and practice and how it has changed over time, especially in light of changes due to climate or other environmental variables.

The student will write a 500-word essay on what was learned during the interview and site visit and include the before and after photos with captions and photo credits.

Glossary of Terms

Climate Change: A long-term change in the earth's climate, especially a change due to an increase in the average atmospheric temperature. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/climate+change>

Traditional Place, Resource or Practice: A place, resource or practice that has been used by people in a particular group, family, society, culture, etc. for a long time and has a special meaning to these people.

Additional Educational Resources

- *Little Changes Have Big Impacts on Little Islands* found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCqarC0xDiQ&list=UUtGns0oJ7RsLR8pKLSIZpZQ
- Presentations by Pacific Island panelists, at the 2012 First Stewards Symposium:
 - o Video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=eXv4ZBll69Q
 - o PPT slides at <http://www.wpcouncil.org/educational-powerpoint-presentations/>