

OVERVIEW Examining the Issues

HOW DO YOU SPARK STUDENT INTEREST IN WASTE?

By using our Issue Cards! **Issue Cards are over 65 printable quotes, statistics, graphs, maps, definitions, excerpts, cartoons and photographs.** In groups, students will examine this content to gain a multidisciplinary understanding of waste and its relationship to current economic, social and environmental issues in New York City and the world. The Cards—also available as PowerPoint slides—are organized into five sets: Consumerism, Justice & Equity, Non-Renewable Resources, “Away,” and a History of Waste in NYC. The size of your class, the dynamics and learning styles of your students and the amount of time you would like to spend with the Cards can guide the way your students use them. Here is one successful method:

Students Break into 5+ Groups



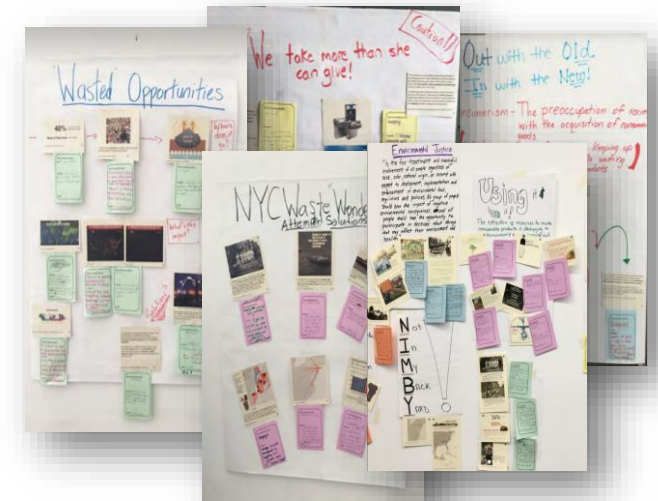
Each group receives a unique set of Issue Cards. Students spend time examining the content of their group's cards and begin to form reactions.

Students Complete Individual Response Slips



After examining their set of Issue Cards, students complete Response Slips to express what they think, feel or wonder about the information of one or more Cards.

Groups Construct a Poster and Present to the Class



In their groups, students share their reactions to the content, identify common themes and work together to create a poster to be shared with and presented to the rest of the class.