

# Pre Reading

After reading the article, make notes on the following:

- Issue
- Main Idea
- Root causes/historical context
- Lasting human impacts of pressing issue
- Relevancy to place/geography/location
- Relevancy to your life

# Group 1: Tikese, Daniel, Peyton

**Main Idea-** Environmental racism is a real issue that is not being recognized or addressed

**Issues-** We are cutting down trees and destroying forests to make and construct building that aren't needed in the community

**Lasting Human Impacts and Pressing Issue-** The trees of our environment provide oxygen for use to breathe and be able to survive. With the destruction of forests around the world, trees are being cut down for building and construction that isn't necessarily needed.

**Root Causes-** The so called "need" for new buildings for police departments, factory, or anything calls for space and open areas that can be used for construction. People demolition these forests for construction that is uncalled for. We are destroying nature for an unjustified cause

**Relevancy to place/geography/location-** In multiple areas near us, nature plays a huge role in the environment and is home to many animals. Environmental Racism destroys that habitat. People of power are wanting to break down the environments of the less fortunate to have more space for construction

**Relevancy to you life-** We are growing up and we should take care of our environment because we wouldn't want the people after us in a world with cut down trees and dead animals

**Notes-** A healthy and thriving forest could provide even greater climate benefits. Healthy soils, especially those near older trees, absorb rainwater and mitigate stormwater runoff, thus [preventing flooding](#). This is critical in Atlanta, a city that's experienced a [75% increase in heavy downpours](#) in the last seven decades.

# Group 2:MaCaela, Shawn, Jazmin, Brianna

- [Georgia Renters Enjoy Few Protections as Landlords Seek To Evict | Pulitzer Center](#)

**Issue:Shawn Jing:**The pandemic shut down everything Which made Some tenants unable to make ends meet But due to a law that halted evictions, some tenants Were still able to live in their apartments But some landlords took matters into their own hands by doing illegal activities such as posting eviction notices and changing the locks of tenants which is illegal Though some tenants may be clueless to this fact. Another issue is The fact that Georgia's eviction procedure makes it very easy for a landlord to evict a tenant without them knowing which is bad because several of Georgia's counties are considered legal deserts which means many eviction court cases in rural communities "are being held without any lawyers at all this issue added with increased development which has also contributed to rising rents across the state, leading to increased housing instability and evictions, particularly for Black, working-class communities. makes the issue very serious

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- Main Idea::  
People are have been struggling during the pandemic.
- Root causes/historical context:  
Due to the economic shut down of non-essential jobs during the pandemic, people have been struggling to pay rent
- Lasting human impacts of pressing issue

# Group 3: Yacqueline, Binh, Patrick

- [‘Place Matters:’ J.C. Smith University Makes Sustainability Part of Activism](#)
- **Issues** - Climate change affecting people of color more and many people using sustainability initiatives lack access to healthy food choices. communities in the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast, where catastrophic climate events like hurricanes, tornadoes, heat waves and flooding are more likely to impact Black people.
- **Main Idea** - Place matters
- **Root causes/historical context** -
- **Lasting human impacts of pressing issue** - people of color represent less than 16% of the workforce in related organizations such as nonprofits, government agencies and foundations
- **Relevancy to place/geography/location** - where you live can determine quality of health, income, and other things because these things are interrelated
- **Relevancy to your life** -

## Group 4: Day, Brissia, Jason

- [In Charlotte and Across the South, Climate Risk Tied to History of Racism](#)
- The issue in this article is that people of color tend to lack economical resources since the 1960s
- The main idea is that black people in the south are more likely to suffer from poor health conditions because of the land they are relocated on.
- The historical context is that black people were placed in communities located near industrial polluters that left residents exposed to significant risk of poor health outcomes from asthma to cancer.
- Lasting human impact-It still happens to this day, making the stereotype that black people are dirty.
- Relevancy to Place/Geography/Location- We live in the south(GA) in a mostly black community.
- Relevancy to life- We live in a mostly black community, raising the question, “Are we being exposed to toxic chemicals and waste?”

# Group 5: Robert, Chantylvia, Kayly, Newton

- <https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/geography-environment/stone-mountain/>
- <https://smarthistory.org/seeing-america-2/the-long-history-of-stone-mountain-georgia/>

Relevancy: to my life:

