



VIDEO TOPIC: Greta Thunberg

Introduction

What do you know about Greta Thunberg and the school strikes?
Why do you think her campaign has been so widely reported in the media and why do you think so many children have taken part in school strikes globally?

Video: Greta Thunberg's emotional speech to EU leaders

Before you watch the video of Greta Thunberg's speech look at the following vocabulary and discuss your understanding of these terms she uses:

- Irreversible chain reaction
- Tipping points
- Mass extinction
- Climate breakdown

Watch the video. Afterwards summarize her main points – what is she asking the politicians to do?

<https://youtu.be/FWsM9-zrKo>

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“Our house is falling apart, and our leaders need to start acting accordingly, because at the moment they are not. If our house was falling apart, our leaders wouldn't go on like you do today. You would change almost every part of your behaviour, as you do in an emergency.”

Why does she use the idea of a house to get her point across? Can you give some other examples of how she uses this analogy?

Watch again 0'38 – 1'20 of the video. What examples does she give of the problems caused by the climate crisis?

Discussion:

Do you agree that there is a 'climate crisis'? If yes, what do you think we should be doing as individuals and what should our governments do internationally?

For a video and transcript of the full speech:

<https://speakola.com/ideas/greta-thunberg-speech-to-eu-parliament-2019>