Phenomenal Pre-Course Activities

Take some time before the Institute starts to explore each of these phenomenal activities. Please plan on spending at least an hour and a half in total. You are welcome to dive deeper or spend more time on any that are particularly interesting to you.

For each of these activities, write down some things you think, notice, and wonder. As you start to wonder, please record your questions on a virtual "sticky note" **HERE**. Be prepared to share during our first session together.

A NOTE ABOUT **STORMBOARD**..

We will be asking you to use a platform called Stormboard for the Phenomenal Pre-Course Activities as well as during our time together in August. This is free for educators, but does require that you create an account. (If Stormboard asks for a Storm Key, it is **boss7248**.)

You will then be able to use this account with your students if you would like, and you're welcome to play around to see how it works (it is pretty user-friendly), just do not delete other participants' notes. Once you click on the storm, select the option that says "**Sign up for a free trial now**," and then choose **Educator** (or the personal option if you do not plan on using it again with students).

Need help with Stormboard? Here is an instructional video: **Sticky Notes 101 from Stormboard**

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ECO-FOOTPRINT

Calculate your **ecological footprint**.

PROJECT DRAWDOWN

Visit and explore **Project Drawdown Solutions** & check out this **video introduction** to Drawdown.

FRONTLINE YOUTH & CLIMATE JUSTICE

Watch this short **video**.

SMART BY NATURE

Read this **story** from Barnes School.

WONDER WANDER

Put on your climate/energy "glasses." Grab a notebook and writing utensil and go for a walk, for 30-60 min, in areas immediately accessible from your school (or neighborhood, if school is not an option). Consider how your community interacts with different forms of energy (generation, use, and potential impacts). Write down the things you think, notice, and wonder, and then record your wonderings **here** when you get back home.

CLICK HERE FOR OPTIONAL DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDING QUESTIONS