

# HILDENE

## Lincoln Essay Competition

### 2017 Hildene 8th Grade Lincoln Essay Competition Winners

*Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time, requiring a myriad of responses. Describe one action the United States could implement to substantially curb greenhouse gas emissions, the key driver of rising global temperatures. Identify the likely positive and negative impacts such an action would have on one or more demographics. Given these impacts, is this something the United States should do? Why or why not?*

First Place, \$1,000

Elyse Martin-Smith, Topic: Increase use of renewable energy: hydropower, windpower, solar power  
Charlotte Central School, Charlotte; Teacher: Leslie Williams

Second Place, \$750

Liam Halstead, Topic: Mandate a federal carbon tax  
The Dorset School, Dorset; Teacher: Chelsie Brownlee

Third Place, \$500

Alex Wick, Topic: Mandate that every city have a greenhouse gas reduction plan  
Edmunds Middle School, Burlington; Teacher: Librarian Carole Renca

10 Honorable Mentions, \$250 each

Liam Chiraseveenuprapund, Topic: Commit to the EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy which supports sound, high-quality, unbiased scientific research and reporting on climate change  
Edmunds Middle School, Burlington; Teacher: Librarian Carole Renca

Grace DiStasio, Topic: Reduce methane emissions by promoting lab-grown "cultured" meat  
Flood Brook School, Londonderry; Teacher: Caitlin Baker

Sage E. Freeman, Build 100 Gigafactories to produce batteries to supply all the world's energy needs  
Stratton Mountain School, Stratton; Teacher: Mary Mangiacotti

Valentine Giesey, Topic: Mandate federal carbon tax  
Long Trail School, Dorset; Teacher: Laura Callen

Anna Huener, Topic: Increase gas tax  
Edmunds Middle School, Burlington; Teachers: Stephen Boyle and Librarian Carole Renca

Luisa Louchheim, Topic: Build generators and barrages in the ocean to harness tidal energy  
Charlotte Central School, Charlotte; Teacher: Leslie Williams

Jade Marantz, Topic: Mandate carbon cap and trade system  
Long Trail School, Dorset; Teacher: Laura Callen

Courtney McDermott, Topic: Build more nuclear power plants  
Charlotte Central School, Charlotte; Teacher: Leslie Williams

Madison Shepard, Topic: Mandate that all schools educate students about climate change  
Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School, Bristol; Teacher: Vicki Bronson

Ruby Wool, Topic: Transition to hydrogen-powered vehicles  
Edmunds Middle School, Burlington; Teachers: Rich Boyer and Librarian Carole Renca