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# Classroom Activity

10 Big Question: Why does climate change?

## Global climate tipping points

Two of the world's most well-read 'popular science' magazines, Scientific American and New Scientist, look at the arguments for and against planetary tipping points in the following articles:

- > [www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=do-global-tipping-points-exist](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=do-global-tipping-points-exist)
- > [http://ecotope.org/people/ellis/papers/ellis\\_2013.pdf](http://ecotope.org/people/ellis/papers/ellis_2013.pdf)

Read the above articles and do a little of your own research. What are the main points of each article? What conclusions do you come to?