Food Justice Timeline Game

- 1941- Victory Gardens 20 million Americans
- 1950 Minimum wage 75 cents
- 1955 Ray Kroc open McDonalds
- 1960 Four African American students begin sit in at Woolworth Counter in Greensborough NC
- 1965 Beginning of Delano Grape Strike, Cesar Chavez
- 1969 Black Panthers begin School Breakfast program
- 1972 Wic Program begins
- 1993 Coalition of Immokalee Workers founded
- 2002 USDA Regulation of USDA certified organic
- 2008 Food Stamp program renamed SNAP
- 2010 Let’s Move Campaign
- 2010 National Young Farmers Coalition founded
- 2010 Black Urban Growers first conference
- 2016 Urban Ag Bill introduced
- 2016 Food date Labeling
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Recommended Books Readings and Contributions about Stories and Justice
• The Color of Food: Stories of Race, Resilience and Farming, by, Natasha Bowens
• Dirt a Love Story by, Barbara Richardson
• Letters to a Young Farmer by, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture
• Farmacology, by, Daphne Miller
• Land Justice Reimaging Land, Food and the Commons in the United States by, Justine M. Williams and Eric Holt- Gimenez
• The Politics of Food by, Marion Nestle
• Cultivation Food Justice: Race, Class and Sustainability By, Alison Hope Alkon and Julian Agyeman
• Belonging: A Culture of Place by, Bell Hooks
• Black Looks: Race and Representation by, Bell Hooks
A Collective History of NYC Community Gardening and Urban Agriculture

Urban decline in the late 1960s-early 1970s brings growing interest in community gardening. Abandoned lots were transformed into thriving green spaces.

First community gardens founded in:
- 1967: Franklin Memorial Garden (Bronx)
- 1971: David Foulke Garden (Brooklyn)
- 1973: Liz Christy Memorial Garden (Manhattan)

1976: First Greenmarket is founded with 12 farmers in a parking lot at 59th St. and 2nd Ave.

1977: Floyd Bennett Field Community Garden is founded. It remains the largest community garden in the city.

1988: Bronx Green-Up founded at The New York Botanical Garden. The first community garden served was the Garden of Happiness.

1999: Trust for Public Land rescues 62 community gardens and New York Restoration Project rescues 35 gardens for permanent preservation from Mayor Giuliani’s auction block.

1998: New York City Community Garden Coalition is founded to promote the preservation, creation, and empowerment of community gardens.

2001: Water Resources Group builds the first rainwater harvesting system.

2008: Eagle Street Rooftop Farms (rooftopfarms.org/about) in Brooklyn becomes the first commercial rooftop farm in the country.

2010: Local soil testing becomes available through Brooklyn College.

2010: Grow to Learn GrowNYC and the Mayor’s Fund launch this citywide school gardens initiative.

- 535 active community gardens and urban farms. 225 school gardens registered with Grow to Learn (growtolearn.org)
- Over 100 CSAs started with help from Just Food (Just food was founded in 1993)
- 20 City Farms Markets sell city-grown produce with assistance from Just Food
- Greenmarket has 54 markets throughout the city with over 230 family farms/ Fisherman participating
- There are now over 90 rainwater harvest systems in community gardens
- 25 active gardens are still subject to development

Victory gardens created to help the war effort.

1944: 20 million gardeners, some in urban areas, grew 40% of the nation’s fresh vegetables.

Queens County Farm Museum’s history dates back to 1697. The farm is a 47-acre that is the longest continuously farmed site in New York State. AND STILL FARMING!!

1973: Green Guerrillas, a garden outreach organization still active today, is founded by Liz Christy, after she and neighbors change a vacant lot into Manhattan’s first community garden.

1975: GrowNYC creates Open Space Greening Program
1976: Horticultural Society of New York, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Brooklyn Botanic Garden (Greenbridge) start gardening outreach programs

1991: First CSA started in NYC by Roxbury Farm

1993: NYC Compost Project (DOS) started giving away free compost and conducting community outreach

2000:

2005:

2010:

Today!
Connecting the Dots:
Mapping Reciprocal Partnerships

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American Community Garden Association Growing Communities Curriculum