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## Battle for the Arctic/The Tipping Point

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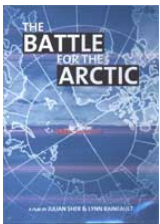
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## The Battle for the Arctic

2009

Distributed by [Icarus Films](#), 32 Court St., 21st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201; 800-876-1710

Produced by Joe Media Group

Directed by Julian Sher & Lynn Raineault

DVD

color and b&w, 49 min.

Jr. High - Adult

Recommended  
Environmental Studies

## The Tipping Point: Global Warming at the Arctic Circle

2009

Distributed by [Filmmakers Library](#), 124 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10016; 202-808-4980

Produced by ABC Australia

Directed by Marian Wilkinson

DVD

color, 45 min. Recommended

Reviewed by Tom Ipri, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Although *The Tipping Point: Global Warming at the Arctic Circle* and *The Battle for the Arctic* come from different filmmakers and different distributors, they work well together as companion films. Both films are under 50 minutes each, making them a good fit for many classroom settings.

*The Tipping Point* provides a competent overview of many global warming issues using the dramatic change in the amount of Arctic ice that was observed in 2007 as a starting point. The film provides some of the basic scientific concepts involved with global warming, including how snow reflects heat as opposed to how water holds heat, what role natural heat variations play, and how the changes in the Arctic affect the rest of the world due to the complexity of the climate systems. The documentary ends by explaining some of the political issues that will be raised if the usually frozen Northwest Passage melts to allow consistently available trade routes and if currently inaccessible natural resources become available.

*The Battle for the Arctic* focuses on these political issues by showing how the far north will soon become an economic hot spot. The film points to the fact that the Northwest Passage has been ice-free for two summers in a row, opening up great potential for saving money and resources by significantly shortening trade routes. The documentary also points out how 30% of the world's undiscovered oil and natural gas resources are in the Arctic. The potential availability of these resources has meant various nations, including Russia, Canada, Denmark, and the United States, have begun efforts to stake claims in the area.

*The Tipping Point* is **recommended** as a good starting point for understanding some of the basic scientific and political issues surrounding global warming. *The Battle for the Arctic* is **recommended** for its focus on the changing political tensions regarding new levels of access to trade routes and natural resources.

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