

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” –Mahatma Gandhi
Call to Action

How will you change your community?

Tentative Due Date: **Monday, June 16th, 2014 ***

Over the past several months, we have learned about the various environmental and community problems that we face today. From global warming to hunger, there are many social issues that our society continues to struggle with on a daily basis. We do not have to sit here and watch. Though your actions may be small and only affect a certain portion of your community, imagine what the result could be if more people did the same thing and followed your example. In small groups, you will choose to tackle a community/environmental problem of your choice. You will thoroughly research this problem and help solve this problem. The specific tasks with their respective deadlines are shown below.

YOUR TASKS:

1. **Find** at least 2-3 **people** you would like to work with.
2. **Choose and research an issue** that affects our environment and/or community. (Some issues may include hunger, poverty, homelessness, global warming, air/soil/water pollution, and etc. This list is certainly not all-inclusive so challenge yourself to THINK and try to be UNIQUE.) Email a clear description of your idea by **APRIL 30, 2014**.
3. **Design a plan** on how you can help SOLVE that issue. Clearly type up a clear description of your plan and email it by **MAY 2, 2014**.
4. **Execute that plan** and keep a log of your activities. **DUE JUNE 2, 2014**
5. **Write a 2-3 page** paper (double-spaced, font size 12, printed) of the issue you have chosen along with the solutions and a description of your plan. Your paper **MUST** include:
 - Introduction of your chosen problem
 - Current solutions proposed by others
 - Your proposed solution
 - Your plan of action
 - Your personal experiences and reflection of your action
 - Conclusion**DUE June 16, 2014**
6. **Create a brief Prezi/PowerPoint** presentation that shows the main ideas of your paper. **DUE June 16, 2014**.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

1. **PAPER = 25% of total points.** Your paper will be evaluated by the same rubric that your English teacher uses to evaluate your written work. (If Mrs. Collins does not give you a specific rubric, one will be uploaded on the class website.)
2. **PRESENTATION = 25% of total points.** Your Prezi/PowerPoint will be evaluated by the same rubric that I have been using throughout the school year. (Refer to class website for the specific rubric.)
3. **PLAN = 50% of total points.** The execution of your plan will be evaluated based on videos, photos, printed media, and physical products. This will depend on your plan.

This project will constitute a MAJOR part of your fourth marking period grade. Expect this project to be worth approximately 1000 points. It is imperative that you put your BEST effort into this project if you want to do well in this class. You will also receive community service hours at the end of June.

ALL GROUP MEMBERS MUST PLAY AN EQUAL ROLE IN THE PROJECT.