

YOUNG WRITERS GROUP DIVES INTO THE ARCHIVES

November 19, 2021 Protest and Point of View



Protest and Point of View – Writing Prompt- Activism and Advocacy

Historical Protest in Powell River

What are the protestors doing in the historical event described by the museum? Are they angry? Hurt? Having fun? What is the main motivation behind the protest? What do they want?

A quote from Richard Van Camp's (2018) novella *When We Play our Drums They Sing!* discusses the relationship between leadership and anger:

“You see how things should be. That’s a gift. It comes with a price, and that price is rage. Underneath the rage is hurt. Every leader I know has the same kind of hurt because you carry the pain of how things should be, could be, and deserve to be” (p. 58).

Have you ever been motivated to protest, to work for change? What drives you? How do you explain what change you want? How do you make people listen?

How does it feel to stand up and state who you are and what change you want to see?

Activism – Protest- Advocacy: Writing for Change

How do you write and express what change you want to see? One way is by writing speeches.

There are a lot of people doing this work, including many young people, for example Greta Thunberg, Autumn Peltier, [Ta'Kaiya Blaney](#), Malala Yousafzai,.

Writing a speech or advocacy letter means making a connection to your audience:

1. Open with a statement that engages or states the issue.
2. Introduce yourself and how you are involved in this issue.
3. Present the problem.
3. Share a story or give an example of the problem.
4. Connect the issue to the audience's values, concerns or self-interest
5. Make your request. What change do you want?

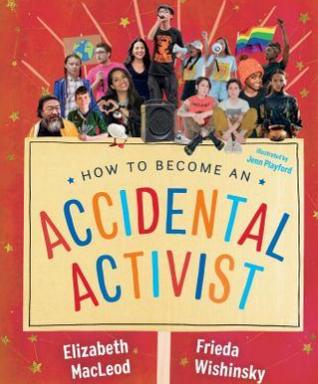
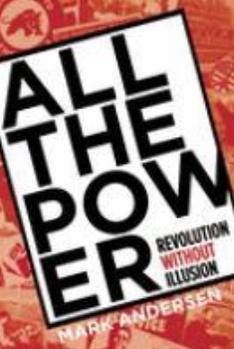
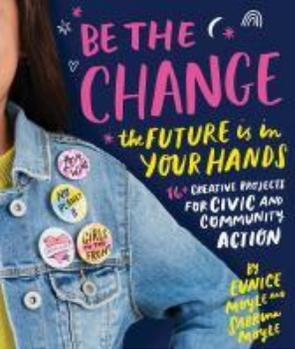
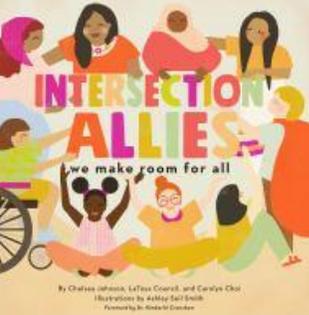
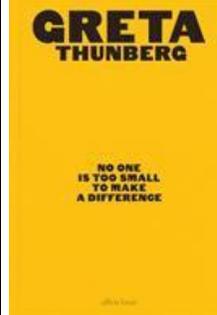
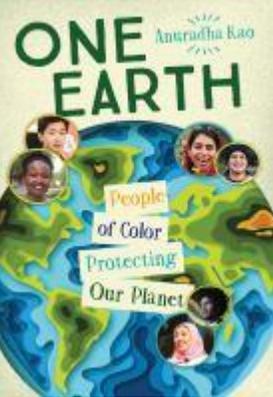
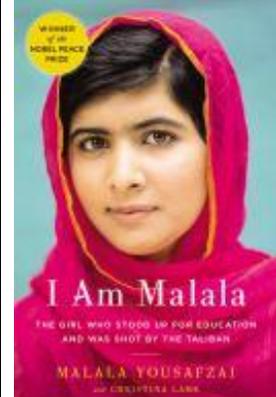
For more information about speechmaking, activism and advocacy at PRPL, see the next the booklist on the next page.

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Here is a booklist with more information about protest, activism and advocacy:

	<p>How I resist : activism and hope for a new generation by Johnson, Maureen, Preferred Call Number TEEN 320.083 HOW Publication Date 2018</p>		<p>How to become an accidental activist By MacLeod, Elizabeth Preferred Shelf Number: J 920 MAC Publication Date 2021</p>
	<p>All the power : revolution without illusion by Andersen, Mark. Preferred Call Number TEEN 320.53 AND Publication Date 2004</p>		<p>Be the change : the future is in your hands by Moyle, Eunice. Preferred Call Number J 307 MOY Publication Date 2018</p>
	<p>Intersection allies : we make room for all by Johnson, Chelsea. Preferred Call Number J 305 JOH Publication Date: 2019</p>		<p>No one is too small to make a difference by Thunberg, Greta, 2003- Preferred Call Number 179.1 THU Publication Date 2019</p>
	<p>One Earth : people of color protecting our planet by Rao, Anuradha S., 1975- Preferred Call Number J 333.72 RAO Publication Date 2020</p>		<p>I am Malala : the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban by Yousafzai, Malala, 1997- Preferred Call Number 921 YOU YOU Publication Date 2013</p>