



# Activity Packet

A collection of resources aligned to the theme of Changemakers



Changemakers are people throughout history who have made a positive impact on their community. The books and activities featured here highlight the efforts of many famous firsts and show that change, whether big or small, can have an important impact.

## This packet includes a:

- Changemakers classroom activity
- Changemakers home activity
- Changemakers recommended booklist

We recommend you print and copy the home activity and recommended booklist pages to send home to extend Rally to Read 100 and encourage continuous learning!

For more reading fun, visit [RallytoRead.org](https://RallytoRead.org).

### A Letter for Change

- This activity was created to allow students to not only think about social change but become active participants in it. Through this activity, students will notice things around them and think about ways to make them better, becoming authentic changemakers.
- This activity is designed for whole class, small group, and individual work.
- Ensure the activity meets individual learning needs by providing sentence frames or a word wall if necessary.

#### Steps

1. Have students come up with a list of problems in their community. As students share, write all ideas on the whiteboard or an anchor chart (e.g., litter at the park, lack of resources like books).
2. Once all these thoughts are organized, assign students to a group or allow them to choose a group of three people. As a group, select a problem and discuss how they would solve the problem.
3. Have these groups discuss who they could go to about this issue (e.g., the mayor, principal, city council) and discuss what they would say to this person or group. Use the “Problem Solvers” template, to help students organize their ideas.
4. After this, students will then individually write letters to their community leaders about what they want to do to help their community. Take action by finding the address and mailing your letters!



## Theme: Changemakers | Classroom Activity

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem Solvers

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Main Problem:**

**Who Could Help Fix It:**

**Reason Why This Problem  
is Important:**

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is Important:**

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is Important:**

**The Solution:**

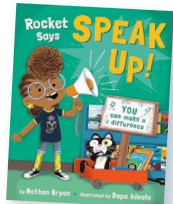


## Improve Your Community List

### Steps

1. Talk with your child about the importance of participating in their community and how being a good citizen is important.
2. Have your child make a list of things they could do to help their community (e.g., picking up trash at the park, donating books to local children).
3. Explain to your child that for the next month, you want them to attempt each item on the list. Put the list up so your child can cross them off as they complete them.

**Reading Is Fundamental** has curated a list of books to help children further explore the theme of changemakers. Use this recommended book list to help your students/children continue their discovery about this topic in school and at home. For additional activities for the books listed, please visit [RIF.org/Literacy-Central/Collections/Rally-Read-Changemakers-Collection](https://www.rif.org/Literacy-Central/Collections/Rally-Read-Changemakers-Collection). **View read-alouds of titles in blue on [RallytoRead.org](https://www.RallytoRead.org) this month.**

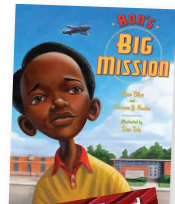


**Rocket Says Speak Up**

Author: Nathan Byron

Illustrator: Dapo Adeola

Grades: PK-2



**Ron's Big Mission**

Authors: Rose Blue & Corinne Naden

Illustrator: Don Tate

Grades: 1-3



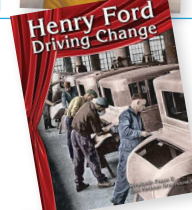
**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

Authors: William Kamkwamba &

Bryan Mealer

Illustrator: Elizabeth Zunon

Grades: 1-3



**Henry Ford: Driving Change**

Authors: Stephanie Fauce &

Lisa Perlman Greathouse

Grades: 4-5



**Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter**

Author: Aisa Salazar

Illustrator: Molly Mendoza

Grades: 1-4

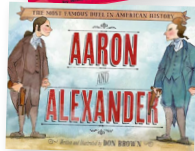


**Mamie Tape Fights to Go to School: Based on a True Story**

Author: Traci Huahn

Illustrator: Michelle Jing Chan

Grades: K-3



**Aaron and Alexander: The Most Famous Duel in American History**

Author & Illustrator: Don Brown

Grades: PK-3

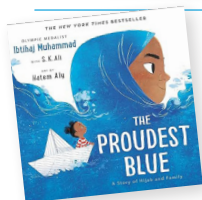


**Queen of Tejano Music: Selena**

Author: Silvia Lopez

Illustrator: Paola Escobar

Grades: 1-4



**The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family**

Author: Ibtihaj Muhammad

Illustrator: S. K. Ali Hatem Aly

Grades: PK-3



**Mae Among the Stars**

Author: Roda Ahmed

Illustrator: Stasia Burrington

Grades: PK-3

**BARNES & NOBLE**

Storytime Pick



**Becoming a Good Creature**

Author: Sy Montgomery

Illustrator: Rebecca Green

Grades: PK-3

**Discussion questions for any recommend book listed above:**

1. In this book, what does it mean to be a changemaker?
2. What challenges did the person face in the book? How did they overcome these challenges?
3. What do you think was the author's message of the book?
4. What do you predict would have happened if the person in this book decided not to make a change?
5. How can you make a change in your community?