

# World Needs Challenge

## Recommended Lesson Plans

Middle School/Age 11-13

In addition to the featured curriculum and learning resources you can find [here](#), we also want to share relevant lesson plans by grade and age range to help enhance your team's learning throughout the World Needs Challenge. Explore the lessons below that range in duration and topical focus.



Name and Source	Description	Duration, Grade/Age
<p><b>Youth-Led Social Activism</b> From The NEA Foundation</p>	<p>In this lesson plan, students learn about the power of local action by looking at examples of student-led protests. This lesson plan helps students gain awareness and develop a curiosity in exploring youth activism and can be adapted to end with a creative/ artistic activity students can participate in.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90-135 Min</li> <li>• Grade 8</li> <li>• Age 12-13</li> </ul>
<p><b>History Through Graphic Novels</b> From The Smithsonian Museum of American History</p>	<p>This lesson plan encourages students to create their own graphic comic strip to address the role that civics plays in the world.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 Min</li> <li>• Grades 6-8</li> <li>• Ages 11-13</li> </ul>
<p><b>Activism Through Art</b> From The Smithsonian Museum of American History</p>	<p>This lesson plan encourages students to explore the potential of public art looking at the social justice word wall. The word wall is inspired by <b>Candy Chang's work</b> taking abandoned buildings and transforming them into public platforms for people to place their hopes and dreams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 Min</li> <li>• Grades 6-8</li> <li>• Age 11-13</li> </ul>
<p><b>Art Imagination and the Quest for Racial Justice</b> From Facing History and Ourselves</p>	<p>In this lesson plan by Facing History and Ourselves, students are shown how art is used in activism. Using the Black Lives Matter movement, this lesson plan shows students how murals and other artistic forms can create social justice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 Min</li> <li>• Grades 6-8</li> <li>• Age 11-13</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Art as a Form of Protest</b> From Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)</p>	<p>This lesson plan is designed to be used with the film, <i>Belarusian Waltz</i>, which shows several ways that an artist protests the virtual dictatorship that governs his homeland of Belarus. Classrooms can use this lesson to explore the use of art as a form of protest and means of bringing about change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50-100 Min</li><li>• Grades 6-12</li><li>• Age 11-13</li></ul>
<p><b>Art and Activism Lesson Plan</b> From The Studio Museum in Harlem</p>	<p>This lesson plan is centered on a piece of art by Benny Andrews entitled <i>Composition</i>. While it is centered around an art piece in a museum, the lesson plan is designed to help students understand art history and the role of art in social activism. Students engage with examples from the past and reflect upon how artists used their power to make a statement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 45 Min</li><li>• Grades 6-8</li><li>• Age 11-13</li></ul>

\*Please note that some lessons may come from free sources that require establishing a website login to access materials