

# CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHEET

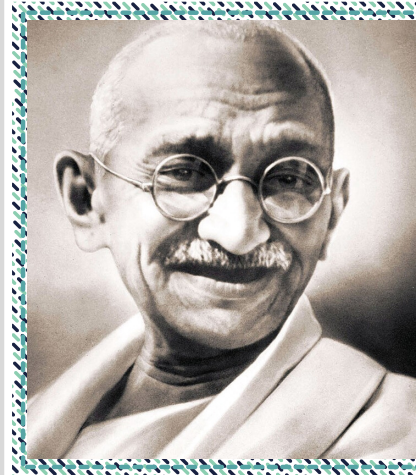
### INTRODUCTION

**"Be the change you want to see in the world."**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

Gandhi's words are as relevant today as ever. As our world experiences a global pandemic, racial injustice, and multiple, extreme, climate events, the changes we need to make start with us. We must look at our sense of communal responsibility, our empathy for others, and how we treat our planet. We are all connected and we all depend on each other. In these difficult times, we have many opportunities to make an impact on our world, in big ways or small.

When we serve each other well during hard times, we discover what really matters. We learn who we are and who we want to become. As we see our communities rise up to face obstacles with kindness and care, we realize that each of us is powerful enough to be the change that will create a better world. We can all be changemakers.



### WHAT IS A CHANGEMAKER?

**A changemaker is someone who ...**

- **takes creative action to solve a social problem (definition from Ashoka.org).**
- **works to make the world better in small and/or big ways.**
- **takes healthy risks, shares bold ideas, and collaborates with others.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the Changemaker Characteristics below. Use the blank lines to write any additional characteristics you want to add. Then, circle the three characteristics you think are the most important.

Brave

Helpful

Empathetic

Honest

Creative

Hopeful

Hard Working

Strong

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## WHO ARE YOUR CHANGEMAKERS?

Name one changemaker you know personally.  
How have they improved the world?

Name one famous changemaker.  
What do you admire about them?

## CHANGEMAKING IN ACTION

1. What change do you want to see in the world?

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2. Why is making this change important to you?

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3. What can you change about yourself in order to help make this change in the world?

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4. What are two specific things you can do to get started taking action?

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Take the Changemaker Challenge and Shine a Light on someone making the world brighter. Learn more at [studentsrebuild.org](http://studentsrebuild.org)