

Changemaker Challenge

Recommended Lesson Plans

High School/Ages 13-18

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



Name and Source	Description	Duration, Grade/Age
Changemaker Story Series Ashoka	A lesson focused on youth changemakers, Ashoka has compiled four stories from young leaders making a positive difference in their communities. These readings are based on the idea that storytelling is a powerful force in shifting mindsets and inspiring action – and that peers can uniquely inspire each other. Each story includes a narrative and video, discussion questions, and a changemaker challenge to encourage your students to engage with issues in their own community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 9-12• Ages 14-18• Duration 45 min-3 hours
10 Questions for Young Changemakers From Facing History	How can young people change the world? And, how can they use social media effectively to do so? This unit looks at the 1963 Public Schools Boycott in Chicago, and the 2018 Parkland High School movement against gun violence as case studies in student activism. Using the 10 Questions Framework, students will explore civic engagement, democracy, social studies, and U.S. history, culminating in a plan-of-action for making change on an issue they are passionate about.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 9-12• Ages 14-18• Duration 50 min-3.5 hours
Student Activism in History and Today From <i>New York Times</i>	How much of a difference can young people make in addressing the problems our society faces? What makes their voices uniquely powerful? In this unit, students consider these questions as they examine gun-violence activism by teenagers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and discuss the planned school walkouts this spring. They can then go further by learning about youth movements in history, and, finally, considering actions they might take around the issues they care about. Unit includes videos, articles, conversation prompts, and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 9-12• Ages 14-18• Duration 45 min-4 hours

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How to Turn Protest into Powerful Change From TEDEd	We live in an age of protest. On campuses, in public squares, on streets and social media, protestors around the world are challenging the status quo. But while protest is often necessary, is it sufficient? Eric Liu outlines three strategies for peacefully turning awareness into action and protest into durable political power. Lesson includes Eric Liu's TED Talk, group conversation prompts, and extension resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 9-12• Ages 14-18• Duration 45 min-1 hour
Character Strengths and Changemakers From The Character Lab	Character strengths like kindness, leadership, social intelligence, and gratitude all play into both <i>being</i> a Changemaker and <i>recognizing</i> a Changemaker. Check out these great Playbooks from the Character Lab to learn more about the following strengths... Kindness Playbook Social Intelligence Playbook Grit Playbook Gratitude Playbook Purpose Playbook Proactivity Playbook Creativity Playbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 9-12• Ages 14-18• Duration 45 min-2.5 hours

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