**Preparation**

* Download Civic Action Graphic Biographies

## Purpose

In this activity, you will explore civic action strategies by investigating two graphic biographies showing youth climate action. By identifying and addressing specific ways that others have carried out civic action in their own communities, you will be better prepared to execute your own climate action.

## Process

1. Your teacher will assign you a partner to complete Part 1 of the activity and ask you to read either the Highline High School graphic biography or the Hope Street Academy graphic biography, found in the Civic Action Graphic Biographies document. Read your assigned graphic biography and work with your partner to answer the questions in Part 1 of the worksheet.
2. Then, you’ll partner with a pair of students who read the other graphic biography to form a group of four. Working with your new group, complete the questions in Part 2 of the worksheet.
3. Be prepared to discuss your responses.

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***Part 1***

**Directions:** Read your assigned graphic biography and answer the questions below.

1. What was the focus of the civic action? What did the students want to achieve?

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1. In what ways will the civic action contribute to a climate solution?

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1. Who else was involved in the action? Consider who had power to effect change or who supported the action.

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1. What obstacles did the students encounter, and how did they overcome them?

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1. What do you think allowed the students to be successful with their civic action project?

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***Part 2***

**Directions:** Describe the details of the graphic biography you read to the other members of your group. Then, answer these questions:

1. What are the similarities and differences between the two civic action projects?

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1. Which of the two civic action projects represented in the graphic biographies would be a better fit for your community? Explain your reasoning.

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1. Brainstorm a list of other civic action projects that could make an impact in your community. Try to come up with at least five possible projects that would support a climate solution.

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