



**August**

**High**  
Empower Student Voice

**Step 1**

## Listen & Read



***The Recess Queen***

by Alexis O'Neill

**Step 2**

## Consider Reading

**Be a Changemaker**  
By Laurie Ann Thompson

**Anger is a Gift**  
By Mark Oshiro

**Hearts Unbroken**  
By Cynthia Smith

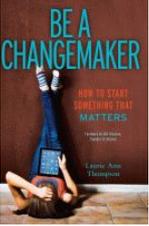
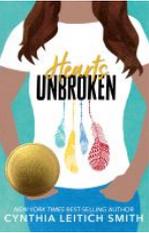
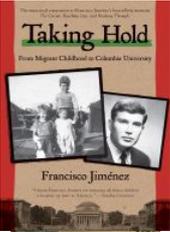
**Taking Hold**  
By Francisco Jimenez



**Step 3**

## Have Some Fun

<p><b>Physical Action</b></p>	<p>Lead a group discussion during one of your activities such as a summer program or camp. Ask your coach or captain how you can take a leadership role on your team during summer practice. Ask questions, don't be afraid to ask for clarification.</p>
<p><b>Creative Action</b></p>	<p>Create a Podcast on a subject you are passionate about. It can be fun, funny, serious, or mysterious. Here are some <a href="#">resources</a> to help you get started:</p>
<p><b>Written Action</b></p>	<p>Write an acrostic poem or narrative. Write your name vertically on the left side of a piece of paper. For each letter write something positive about yourself.</p>
<p><b>Community Action</b></p>	<p>Host a watch party for a movie that will empower others such as Maria Full of Hope. You can request online access at <a href="http://www.caseygrants.hope">www.caseygrants.hope</a></p>

Book	Availability	Summary
		<p><i>Be a Changemaker</i> will empower you with the confidence and knowledge you need to affect real change. You'll find all the tools you need right here—through engaging youth profiles, step-by-step exercises, and practical tips, you can start making a difference today.</p>
		<p>A sixteen-year-old gay African-American student Moss Jeffries feels stuck in his run-down West Oakland High School. Still mourning the death of his father, shot by police years earlier, a violent incident at his school prompts Moss to channel his simmering anger into community activism against a corrupt authority system.</p>
		<p>Louise dumps her popular, jock boyfriend after he makes some insensitive remarks about his brother's Native American fiancée without regard for the fact that she is also Native American. As a reporter for her school newspaper, she finds herself working on the story of the year alongside Joey.</p>
		<p>In this autobiographical story, Jiménez recounts the difficult decision he made to leave behind his family, beloved girlfriend, and community in California to move to New York City to attend Columbia University, and the hard-won success that followed as a result of pursuing his dreams.</p>