

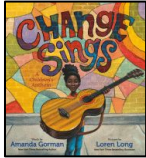
# Middle

## Quarterly Theme

Justice

### Step 1

## Listen & Read



[Change Sings](#)  
by Amanda Gorman

### Step 2

## Consider Reading

**Starfish**

by Lisa Fipps

**The Insiders**

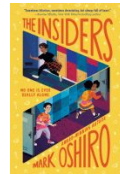
by Mark Oshiro

**Sisters of Neversea**

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

**Mananaland**



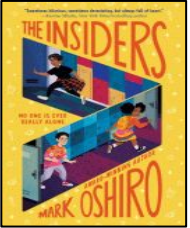

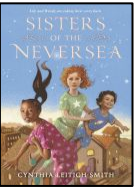



by Pam Munoz



### Step 3

## Have Some Fun

<p><b>Physical Action</b></p>	<p>Play a game of charades. Write down some ways that you can stand up to be the change. Pull actions out of a hat, then use your body and imagination to act out what the paper says. Have others try to guess!</p>
<p><b>Creative Action</b></p>	<p>Using paper and coloring utensils or digitally, create a comic strip that illustrates how you can stand up for something you believe in. Try to include at least 5 squares that have pictures, as well as speech and thought bubbles.</p>
<p><b>Written Action</b></p>	<p>Write a letter to your future self or journal about an event happening now. What can you do to help others by the time you graduate high school? Seal the letter and open it up after high school graduation! Reflect on changes.</p>
<p><b>Community Action</b></p>	<p>Be a changemaker in your community or at school. Identify a problem and create an action plan to solve it. Consider picking up litter, planting trees, or volunteering time to help others.</p>

Book	Availability	Summary
		<p>Ellie, a plus-size teenager has been bullied and fat-shamed for her weight since she was five years old. As a result, she's developed rules for public behavior to avoid embarrassment, such as, walking slowly to avoid jiggling and not eating in public. The one place Ellie truly feels at home is in her swimming pool where she feels weightless and can spread out as far as she wants. With the help of her supportive therapist and father, Ellie grows tired of feeling shame and endeavors to live unapologetically.</p>
		<p>Most days, Héctor just wishes he could disappear. And he does. Right into the janitor's closet. (Being gay, he sees the irony.) But one day, when the door closes behind him, Héctor discovers he's stumbled into a room that shouldn't be possible. A room that connects him with two new friends from different corners of the country—and opens the door to a life-changing year full of friendship, adventure, and just a little bit of magic.</p>
		<p>A girl named Wendy and her half brother Michael are coerced into following trickster Peter Pan to Neverland in this reimagined Peter Pan tale. Wendy and Michael's half sister Lily, of Muscogee Creek descent, follows them, knowing that what Peter promises sounds sketchy. In Neverland, Wendy and Michael join another group of kidnapped kids who call themselves the Lost, while Lily meets up with a group of natives that Peter refers to as Injuns. Lily joins with the diverse group from different tribes, to devise a rescue plan.</p>
		<p>After his father leaves on a trip to secure a new birth certificate for him, eleven-year-old Maximiliano Córdoba meets a refugee named Isadora from the war-torn country of Abismo and learns that the stories his grandfather has been telling him are true: his family are part of a secret society of guardians who lead refugees to safety through an abandoned stone tower named La Reina Gigante. Abandoning his dreams of becoming a soccer star, Maximiliano sets out on a journey to help Isadora reach safety and hopefully learn the truth behind the disappearance of his mother.</p>