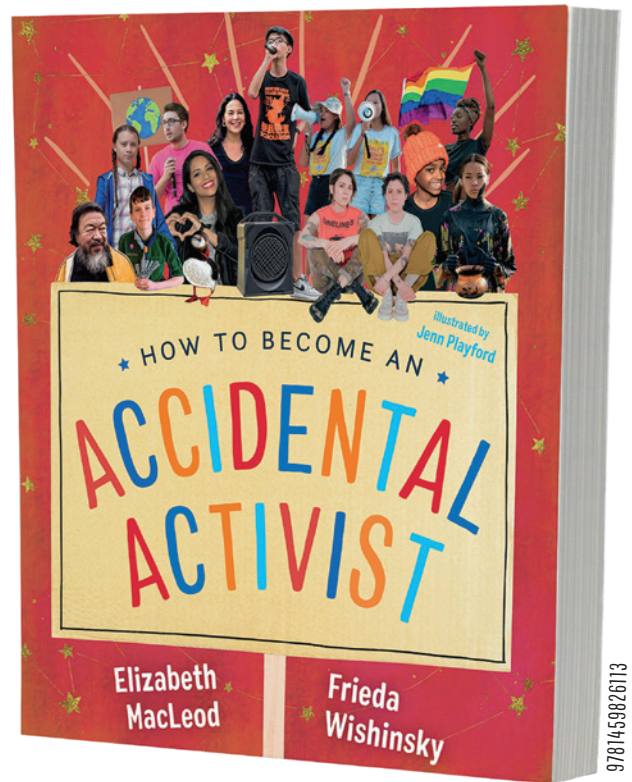

HOW TO BECOME AN ACCIDENTAL ACTIVIST

ACTIVITY SHEET

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ACTIVITIES

1. What three questions would you like to ask one of the activists?
2. Draw a poster promoting your favorite activist. What details will you include to show why you admire this person? You can also draw a flag, postage stamp or bookmark.
3. Write a letter about something you'd like to change in your community or school. Explain why the change is needed and important.
4. Networking is important to create change. Note two ways to network and find support for making positive change.
5. Choose an activist. What do you think this activist would pack in their backpack, purse, suitcase or briefcase?
6. Slogans like "Black Lives Matter" or "Every Child Matters" help activists let people know about a cause. Create a slogan for something that will create positive change in your school or community.
7. Compare two of the activists you heard about. How are they the same? How are they different? Who would you like to have lunch with? Why?
8. Many activists fight for democracy. What makes a country democratic? Why is voting freely important for democracy?
9. There are lots of quotes in the book. Which one do you like best? Why?
10. Draw a scene from an event in the book.

11. In many countries journalists have been arrested because some governments don't like what they write. Why is it important to have a free press? How can we help journalists who have been imprisoned for telling the truth about a situation?
12. Write a poem about one of the activists in the book or about the situation they are trying to fix. The lines in your poem don't have to rhyme!
13. Artist Ai Weiwei uses art to highlight peace, free speech, the refugee crisis and other causes he believes in. Note two ways you could use art to protest something you'd like to change in your community.
14. Would you like to be an activist? What problem would you like to help solve? What's the first step you could take to make the situation better?
15. What is a positive way to debate someone with a different point of view than yours?
16. Many activists like Severn Cullis-Suzuki in British Columbia or the Wijsen sisters in Bali are working to make people aware of the dangers of climate change. What are two things you and the people in your community can do to fight climate change and keep our air and water clean?
17. Many of these activists have won prizes for their work. Pretend you're one of them and write an e-mail to your best friend describing how you feel about winning your award.
18. Activists often use flyers to spread the word. Make a flyer for something you'd like to change in your school or community to make life better for all.
19. Make a list of ten words that you can use to describe activists.
20. Some activists have helped create local or national parks. Why is it important to provide green space for everyone in a community? What do you like to do in a park?

VOCABULARY LIST

Activist
 Climate change
 Democracy
 Discrimination
 Endangered species
 Free press
 Frontline workers
 Human rights
 Landmine
 Networking
 Pollution
 Voting rights

DESIGN A T-SHIRT FOR YOUR CAUSE!

What is a topic or issue that you are passionate about?

Design a t-shirt that would bring awareness in a creative way.

