



Activist Song

Music is a great way to convey a message and bring awareness to important issues in the community. Not only does music entertain us, but it is also a great platform for discussions that promote change.

- **Ask:** What are some things that you are passionate about changing in your community? How can you share your ideas about these changes with others?
- Place students in groups and distribute the Activist Song worksheet found on the next page.
- Explain to students they will create a song that describes something their group is passionate about changing in the community or in the world.
- Instruct students to use the tune of a popular song or nursery rhyme such as “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” or “The Wheels on the Bus” to help with the melody of their song.
- When students have finished writing their songs, allow time in class for students to practice how they would like to perform their song to their peers. Students can use Canva to record their song if they prefer this method of presenting it to the class.
- When students are finished, have them present their songs to the class.
 - **Ask:** What were some of the messages about change that you noticed in each song?

Approx. Time



- 30 minutes

Learning Target



- I can describe ways to make a difference in the community by creating a song to share a message.

Big Questions



- What are some things that you are passionate about changing in your community?
- How can you share your ideas about these changes with others?

Lesson Source



- [Exploring Time and Place, Colorado Edition](#)

Date:

Instructions: Create a song that describes something you would like to change in the community.

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Artist Name: _____





GSE Playlist

Earth Day Songs



Big Yellow Taxi

Joni Mitchell



All My Friends Are Insects

Weezer



Heart of the Woods

Kacey Musgraves



The Sound of Music

Julie Andrews



What a Wonderful World

Louis Armstrong



Colors of the Wind

Pocohontas



I Like Birds

Eels



Ends of the Earth

Lord Huron



I Love the Mountains

Victoria Hall



Rainbow Connection

Kermit the Frog



Mother Nature's Son

The Beatles



Fireflies

Owl City



Mr. Blue Sky

Electric Light Orchestra



Jungle Gym

Jack Johnson



I Feel the Earth Move

Carole King



Homegrown Tomatoes

John Denver



Bein' Green

Andrew Bird



the lakes

Taylor Swift



Wildflowers

Tom Petty



**Never Turn Your Back
on Mother Earth**

Neko Case



Gibbs Smith Education