STARTER PACKET TEXT SET

Benefits of Teen Activism and Community Service
(Appplies to All Issues) Sessions 1–4:

• “Why Is Community Service Important?” By Caridad Sanchez, VP of Academic Affairs, Florida National University. Fnu.edu
  http://www.fnu.edu/community-service-important/
  A text on Florida’s National University’s web page that lays out the physical and emotional benefits of helping others for teens.

• “How to Become an Activist.” WikiHow.com
  G9w151-w3bzz03MMcNKO9n_FFePg
  A text that lays out the process of activism. (Longer text, but can be broken easily into parts.)

Global Teen Activists and Their Plights

Environmental Issues

• Alex Lin, Environment, Teen Activist, text
  “Alex Lin, Teenage Activist.” By Salvatore Cordoni. Takepart.com
  http://www.takepart.com/article/2010/04/05/alex-lin-teenage-activist
  This article spotlights a teen who is finding ways to reuse and recycle e-waste (computers and other electronics) as well as lobbying the legislature to pass bills requiring this type of recycling.

• The Clock is Ticking: Youth and Environmental Activism, Environment, text
  http://www.whatkidscando.org/featurestories/2009/06_clock_is_ticking/index.html
  This text from takepart.com, explores actions and initiatives being taken by young people to address the growing environmental issues.

Equality In Girls’ Education

• Malala Yousafazi, Girls Education, Teen Activist, text
  This article from Time Magazine for Kids, is about Malala’s heroic journey of healing after being shot by the Taliban for advocating for gender quality in education.
• Supporting Education and Activism on Malala Day, Girls Education, text
  http://www.womankind.org.uk/2013/07/supporting-education-and-activism-on-malala-day/
  A web page that describes women and girls from across the world inspired by Malala Yousafazi to carry on the fight for equal educational rights.

Child Labor

• Iqbal Masih and Craig Kielburger, Child Labor, Teen Activist, text and video
  This article is about kid activists inspiring each other to take action around child labor exploitation.

• Child Labor Around the World, Child labor, text
  This text is about a middle school class in Massachusetts that heard firsthand about Iqbal’s plight for child labor laws and took action.

Animal Abandonment

• Faye Carey, Animal Activist
  “Teenage Girl Is Dogs’ Best Friend.” By Briar Marbeck. 3 News.co.nz.
  This article is about a young girl that gives abandoned animals a second chance at life at her local animal shelter.

• Animal Abandonment and Pet Overpopulation, text
  http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/adoption-pet-care/issues-information/pet-overpopulation.html
  This web page lays out the reasons behind animal abandonment.
Bullying

- **Alex Libby, Bullying, Teen Activist**
  An article on how the courage to speak out about being the victim of vicious bullying resulted in unlikely fame and activism.

- **Anti-bullying activist spreads message of kindness through organization, bullying, text**
  A text about the young founder of WeStopHate, an anti-bullying advocacy group that helps kids strengthen their self-esteem.