Teen Creative Challenges

PROFILE A CHANGEMAKER

What is a changemaker? Who can be a changemaker? A changemaker is someone who takes action to solve problems and make the world around them a better place. This can happen on a large or small scale. Is there someone in your life or community like this? Think outside the box about friends, family, or other members of your community who have had a positive impact.

Get Creative!

- A changemaker is someone who takes action to solve problems and make the world around them a better place. Think about someone who is a changemaker in your life and interview them. What made them decide to take action? What advice do they have? Take inspiration from NYPL’s Oral History Project which collected firsthand stories from people in New York City. Optional: Photograph or draw a portrait to accompany your interview.

- Who is someone from the past who has had a lasting impact on your neighborhood or city? Use NYPL’s Biography in Context database for research. Then use writing or art to showcase that person. Look at Faith Ringgold’s story quilt in NYPL’s collection which honors important contributors to African American literature and Harlem literary life as an example of a creative approach to highlighting important historical figures.

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Our new teen magazine will include writing and art by and for teens. 25 pieces selected for publication will be awarded a $100 gift card. Submit between Thursday, June 9th and Friday, August 19. You must be between the ages of 13 and 19 and live, work, or go to school in New York City to enter. Read our full submission guidelines, and submit at this link.

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