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Theme Project: Taking a Stand

A Research Project



Task: Make a Pamphlet using the shutter fold.

Purpose: Sometimes conditions or situations in life force people to take action. Research a person or group that has taken a stand to change something in order to make a difference.

Big Question: Why do people take action to support what they believe?

Write the name of the person or group you are going to research:

Step 1: Research

Research your person or group. You may use a search engine (Google, Yahoo) to do your research (with the assistance of your parents) or use other sources of information like autobiographies, biographies, other nonfiction books, diaries, and letters. You might also use selections from your Student Book.

*****List your sources. Take notes from the sources you use.*****
See the examples below of note cards with source information.

Sample Note Card

Quote: "Three million American children a day eat carrots in their school lunches."

Source: Dr. John Hodges from the book Eating Healthy in America. 2006

Sample Note Card

Quote: "I'm Alex, I'm 8 years old. I have Neuroblastoma and I raise money for pediatric cancer research with the help of other kids and grown ups through my lemonade stand."

Source: Interview with Alex Scott from the website <http://www.alexlemonade.org/>

If you are researching in Google Apps, install the EasyBib add-on in Google Docs. This will create a bibliography for you, citing all your sources. Print the Bibliography and attach it to your pamphlet.

STEP 2: Prewrite Use your research notes to plan your pamphlet.

- ☐ Opening Paragraph: Good expository writing will present a main idea and facts to support it. In your opening paragraph, state your main idea. Include an engaging introductory sentence (a hook) to make the reader want to read your pamphlet.
- ☐ Middle Paragraphs: Make sure your middle paragraphs support the main idea. Write one key idea or supporting fact in each paragraph. You should have at least 2 or 3 supporting facts/paragraphs.
- ☐ Closing Paragraph: In your last paragraph, summarize the information you presented. Remember to state the main points you covered. End your paragraph with a powerful statement. Example: "Alex Scott may have died from Leukemia, but her spirit lives on in all those who raise money in her honor."

STEP 4: Write

Use the details from your Prewrite to write your pamphlet. On the back of your pamphlet, list your sources from your note cards or EasyBib print-out.

See sample below.

