

TAKE ACTION LETTER-WRITING KIT

INSPIRED BY THE STORY OF JOHN LEWIS IN *MARCH*

“What letter will you write?
What words will you choose?
Get started, because we need you
now more than ever.”

ANDREW AYDIN, FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO
MARCH: 30 POSTCARDS TO MAKE CHANGE AND GOOD TROUBLE



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TIPS FOR WRITING LETTERS TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. **Make it personal!** A handwritten letter will make more of a connection than a pre-printed message.
2. **Do some research to make sure you are sending your message to the right person.** Is the issue you care about a local issue? Is it more of a state issue? Find out who the best person to address your concern is.
3. **Find your legislator's address.** Most contact information can be found online.
 - You can find your senators' addresses at <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact>
 - You can find your representatives' addresses at <https://www.house.gov/representatives>
4. **Keep your letter simple.** Clearly state the purpose of your letter and keep it short and concise.
5. **Request a specific action.** State what kind of change you would like to see.
6. **Include your own story.** Share how the issue at hand affects you, your family or your community.
7. **Sign your letter!** Remember to include your name, address, and telephone number so the recipient can respond.



CONTACTS

FEDERAL OFFICIALS

U.S. President

Phone numbers: 202-456-6213 (comments); 202-456-2121 (Visitor's Office)

Address: The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

U.S. Supreme Court

Phone numbers: 202-479-3000; TTY:202-479-3472

Address: Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543



U.S. Congress

Senator: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

Senator: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

Representative: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____



STATE OFFICIALS

Governor

Governor: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

State Legislators

State Assembly: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

State Senator: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

Board of Elections/Administrator: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

LOCAL OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

Council Member

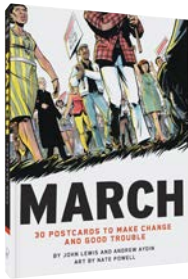
Supervisor: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Address(es): _____

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WRITE TO YOUR OFFICIALS:

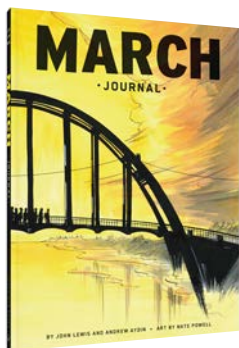


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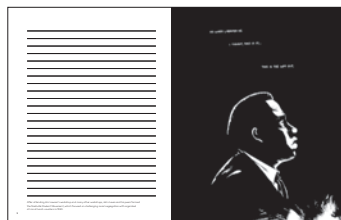
RECORD YOUR REFLECTIONS AND NOTES THROUGHOUT YOUR LETTER-WRITING PROCESS:



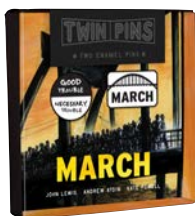
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March Twin Pins

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"Sometimes you have to get in the way and get in trouble, necessary trouble, to make a way out of no way."

-CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS