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Genre: Middle Reader

**Guided Reading Level:** Z+

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Suitable for: 12+

**Curriculum Connections:** Activism / Social Justice / Music

Educational Resource Guide

## Before reading questions:

- 1. When we listen to music made by people whose lived experiences are different from ours, we can better relate to them. What's a song that's done this for you and how did it help you relate to that particular experience?
- 2. Which protest movements have you heard most about?

## Before reading activity:

In your own words, how would you define each area of activism?

Indigenous Rights	
Climate Justice	
2SLGBTQIA+ Rights	
Disability Rights	
Racial Justice	

## Create your own playlist!

Pick a theme that connects to one of the areas of activism above and select a minimum of two songs that best represent these movements.

Briefly describe how each song exemplifies the selected theme.

Playlist name:	
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Check out the official Rise Up and Sing! playlist on Spotify, YouTube, and Apple Music





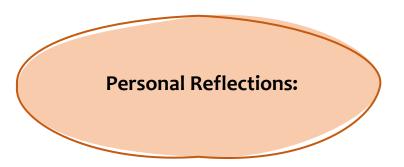




- 3. As a class, or with a partner, discuss which song on your playlist stood out to you the most? Why?
- 4. Read through the "Before You Dive In" section (page 10) as a class. Why do you think each factor is important for us to discuss?
- 5. Have you ever taken part in a climate justice protest or participated in an activity to raise awareness for an environmental issue? If yes, describe it. If no, what kind of activism event would you be interested in attending and why?
- 6. Discuss what it means to be a feminist. What are the stereotypes surrounding this term? How do you think feminism can be more inclusive?
- 7. Find out more about the Indigenous peoples whose land your school occupies and share three facts with your class or a partner.







## Take a moment to journal your answers to the questions below.

Do you ever use playlists to inspire you or change your mood? Briefly describe a time when you did this.

What makes you feel powerful?

Has there been a time when music has helped you or a time when music has made you feel connected to your family or culture? What is an issue at your school or in your community that needs more attention?

What can we do to inspire others?

Which activist or song do you think was most significant in bringing about change. Why or why not?