

Year: 4

Term: Summer 2



Environmental and Social Activism

Enquiry Question: How has the work of significant activists had a positive impact on the environment and society?

Key Questions:

How have significant activists influenced others to follow in their footsteps?

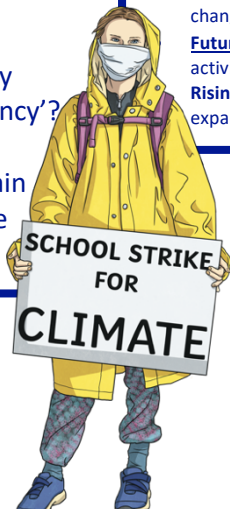
How have activists been portrayed by the media? Are these effective sources of evidence?

What was the impact of some significant activists, e.g. the suffragettes?

What are the similarities and differences between various activists and why were they different?

What is meant by 'Climate Emergency'?

What are the main causes of climate change?



Key Facts:

- **Greta Thunberg** is an environmental activist. She was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2003. When she was eight, she started learning about climate change. In August 2018, Greta decided to act.
 - **Isatou Ceesay** (born 1972) is a Gambian activist and social entrepreneur, referred to as the *Queen of Recycling*. She initiated a recycling movement called *One Plastic Bag in the Gambia*. Through this movement, she educated women in The Gambia to recycle plastic waste into sellable products that earned them income
 - '**Civil rights**' are rights that belong to every person. Having civil rights means that every person is guaranteed equal social opportunities and equal protection under the law, regardless of their race, religion, gender, nationality, ethnicity or other personal characteristics.
 - **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr** led lots of peaceful protests, believing in the power of words and giving great speeches. He didn't believe in violence, but he was still arrested and sent to prison 29 times.
 - **Maya Angelou** was an American writer, civil rights activist, performer and professor. She is best known for writing poetry and books about her life. Maya's legacy continues to leave a cultural imprint upon the world.
 - **Votes for Women** - At the start of the 1800s, women in Britain didn't have the right to vote. They also had very little legal protection and few rights to education or work. By the end of the 1800s there was growing support for the campaign for women's right to vote.
 - **Climate change** is the Earth's usual weather conditions over many years. In the Earth's atmosphere there are small amounts of gases known as *greenhouse gases*. These include carbon dioxide (CO₂), water vapour and methane.
 - Due to a combination of human actions (**burning fossil fuels, deforestation, modern farming techniques**) our layer of greenhouse gases has been getting steadily thicker, resulting in the Earth getting hotter. This is known as *global warming*.
 - **Farming** - humans have been chopping down billions of trees to provide wood and to clear land for farming. it is a large contributor to climate change.
- Future impact – Extreme Weather** - All of the extra heat energy trapped in our atmosphere, as the result of greenhouse gases from human activity, is causing major changes to our climate and producing more extreme weather, such as storms, hurricanes and floods.
- Rising sea levels** - In the oceans, the extra heat is not only making it harder for sea creatures to survive, but it is also causing ocean water to expand, leading to rises in sea levels.

Glossary:

Activism	Working or campaigning to bring about change for good.
Activist	A person who works to bring about change for good.
Protest	To express the feeling of being against something.
Environmental	Relating to the surroundings in which we live.
Discrimination	Discrimination is the unfair treatment of one person or a group of people due to their religion, gender, race, or other personal traits .
Equality	Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities.
Climate change	Long-term changes in global temperatures. Human activity is causing worldwide temperatures to rise.
Social	Humans interacting as a member of society.



Summer 1 – Year 4 – Environmental and Social Activism - Homework

CLASSES 4AB and 4EB

Homework to be completed and returned by:

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the Summer term, we will be learning all about the Environmental and Social Activism. The children will be learning all about key figures in history who have stood up for others and fought for positive change. Homework can be completed independently or with an adult.

Environmental and Social Activism – Homework Tasks

WRITING AND TOPIC

You have a scrap book to use to complete your homework project. Over the next few weeks, complete some of these activities.

COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO OF THE WRITING TASKS:

- 1) Research and find out information about any one of the following activists: **Malala Yousafzai, Isatou Ceesay, Lesein Mutunkei**
Write a biography using your research.
- 2) Write a letter to the government explaining what actions for change you would like to see. Choose from the following environmental or social issues: recycling, climate change, BLM, gender equality
- 3) Write a diary entry as one of the following activists:
Rosa Parks Emmeline Pankhurst

NOW CHOOSE SOME OR ALL OF THESE

- 1) Create a piece of artwork by one of the following art activist:
Ai Weiwei Banksy
- 2) Create a timeline to show the events that happened during the Civil Rights Movement.



Learning links:

BBC - Icon Profiles

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/profiles/4Y05TJcYzMzs5dY0W5fdDy1/activists>

Civil Rights and Social Activists -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zijkj382>

Newsround - Greta Thunberg

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65860099>



Places to Visit: Tate Modern- Bankside, London SE1 9TG

Art and Activism - <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern/display/performer-and-participant/explore-art-and-activism>

Natural History Museum -

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/climate-change.html>

Reading

Remember to read each day and get an ad reading record. Don't forget to collect your rewards for reading!



Spelling

Don't forget spelling rules for your Spelling words will go home with you Friday for your quiz the following week!



Maths

Please complete the given question in your SATS revision guides each week.

And please don't forget to log onto **Times Table Rock Stars**.



Recommended Reads:

