

VAdv Follow-up Activities

Text type: reading

Week: 4

Title: Practical, smart advice for changemakers from a young climate activist

Author/Speaker: Jamie Margolin

Follow-up Writing:

Paraphrase the following excerpts from the text, as you would if you were going to use the information in a summary.

1. Having the moral high ground is crucial when it comes to pushing public opinion and making leaders and corporations wake up to the issues. You didn't create the problem you're trying to solve, so your rage and organizing come from a genuine desire to make things better.

2. Youth bring new ideas to the table, as well as a fresh energy and drive that many of our elders have lost. No one knows better than we do what it is like to grow up in the current time, and we are the most up to date when it comes to technology, pop culture and having a finger on the pulse of mass culture.

Follow-up Discussion:

1. What are some things that young people can do to advocate for the causes they believe in?

2. Have you or anyone you know ever participated in this type of activism? How is such activism viewed in your home country/province? Positively or negatively?

3. Can you think of some of the causes/issues that have seen large displays of public support in recent years?

4. Is there a line between freedom of speech/freedom of assembly and civil disobedience? Who should decide where that line is? How should crossing such a line be dealt with and who should enforce adherence to such a line?