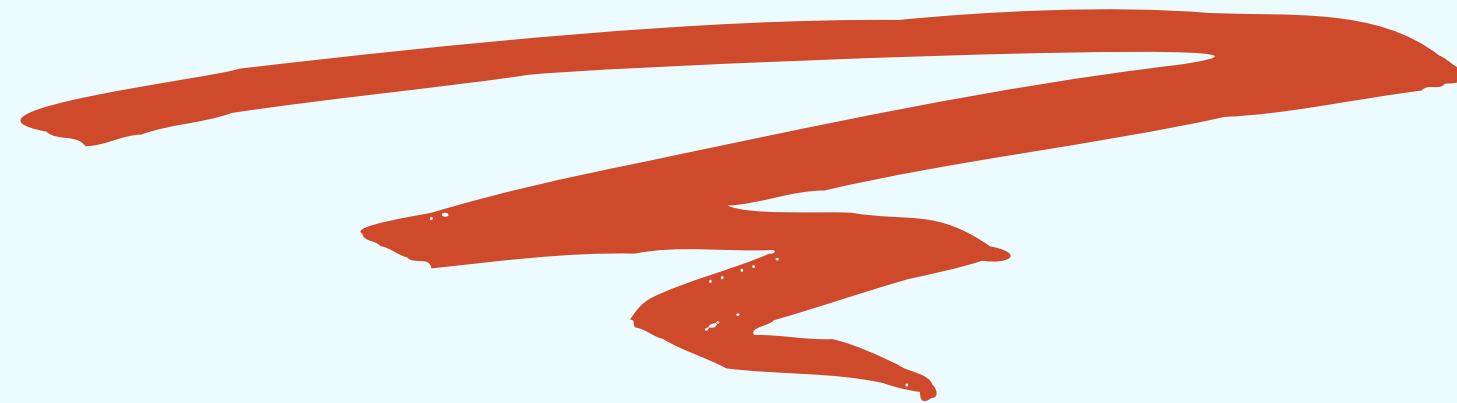




DO THE RIGHT THING

THE GEN-Z MAYOR



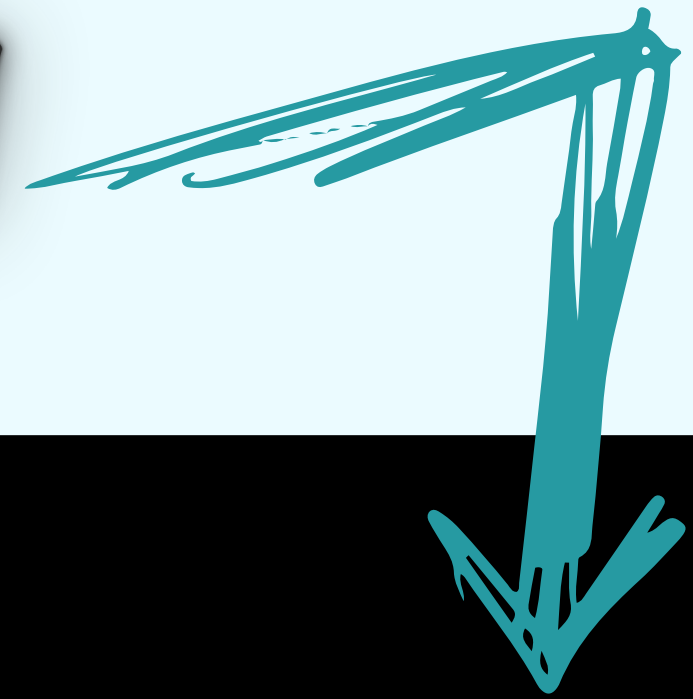
INTRODUCTION

Today, we will:

- * Understand how Jaylen Smith overcame challenges to become a Mayor at 18 years old and reflect on how you can positively impact your community.
- * Collaborate with your peers to identify a local issue and brainstorm practical solutions that can be implemented.
- * Express your ideas and solutions clearly in a letter to a local leader, demonstrating your ability to communicate and advocate for change.



SEL CONNECTION



Today, we will practice **self-awareness** and raise **social-awareness** related to critical issues impacting our lives.





ICEBREAKER

RAISING AWARENESS



RAISING AWARENESS

- 1) Choose a group member to select a social justice cause from the container. Start by explaining the cause in your own words and share out why this cause is important.
- 2) You have 60 seconds to come up with a hashtag, video game title or movie title related to the cause.
- 3) Vote for the most creative, impactful, or unique hashtag or title from all the groups.





RAISING AWARENESS

WHOLE GROUP CYPHER

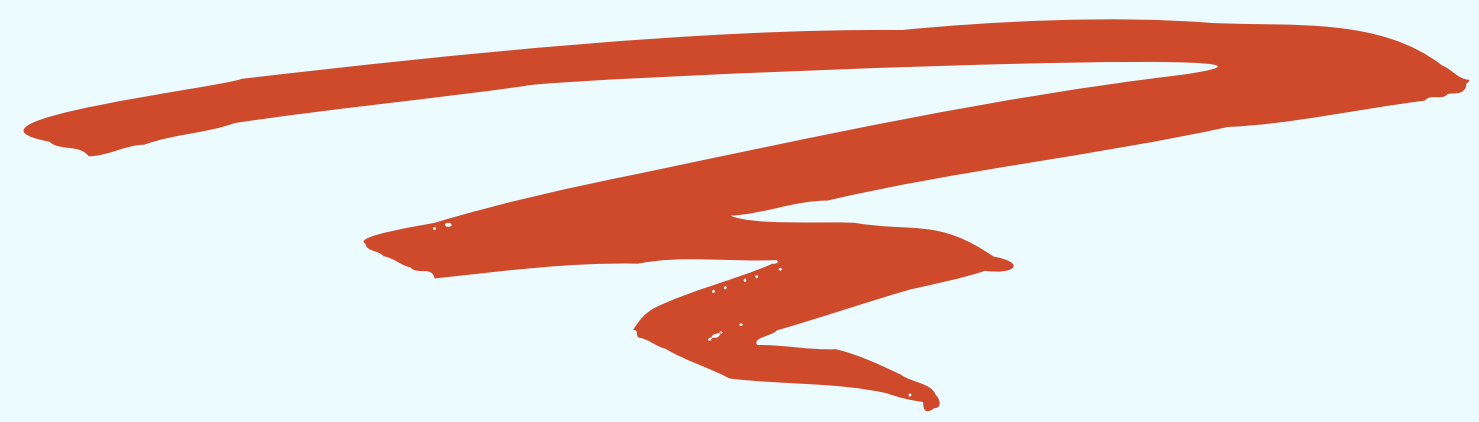
- Why did you choose to vote for a specific hashtag or title?
- Why did it capture your attention?





LESSON PART ONE

MAYOR AT 18 YEARS OLD!





WHO IS JAYLEN SMITH?



- Mayor of Earle, Arkansas. Elected when he was 18-years old.
- Youngest African-American Mayor ever elected in the United States.
- Jaylen attends college virtually while working to make his town better.



LESSON: PART ONE

 WATCH A VIDEO

MAYOR AT 18-YEARS OLD

Watch the video of Jaylen Smith being interviewed on ABC.





MAYOR AT 18-YEARS OLD

SOCIAL-AWARENESS

Being able to recognize how your actions affect other people and being able to show empathy, which is the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes.



MAYOR AT 18-YEARS OLD

REPORTING LIVE PROTOCOL

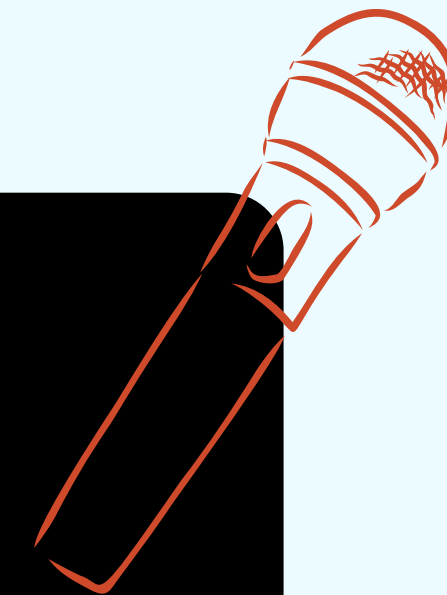
- 1) Pair up. One student will act as a news reporter interviewing your classmate.
- 2) Switch roles once you've finished the interview.



MAYOR AT 18-YEARS OLD

NEWS REPORTER QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you after watching the video?
- Jaylen mentioned some issues he is trying to improve, such as public transportation. What is an issue related to your school or local community that you would like to improve?
- What is your advice to others who might not feel like they have what it takes to pursue a career in politics? Or any other career they might be interested in?





MAYOR AT 18-YEARS OLD

WHOLE GROUP CYPHER

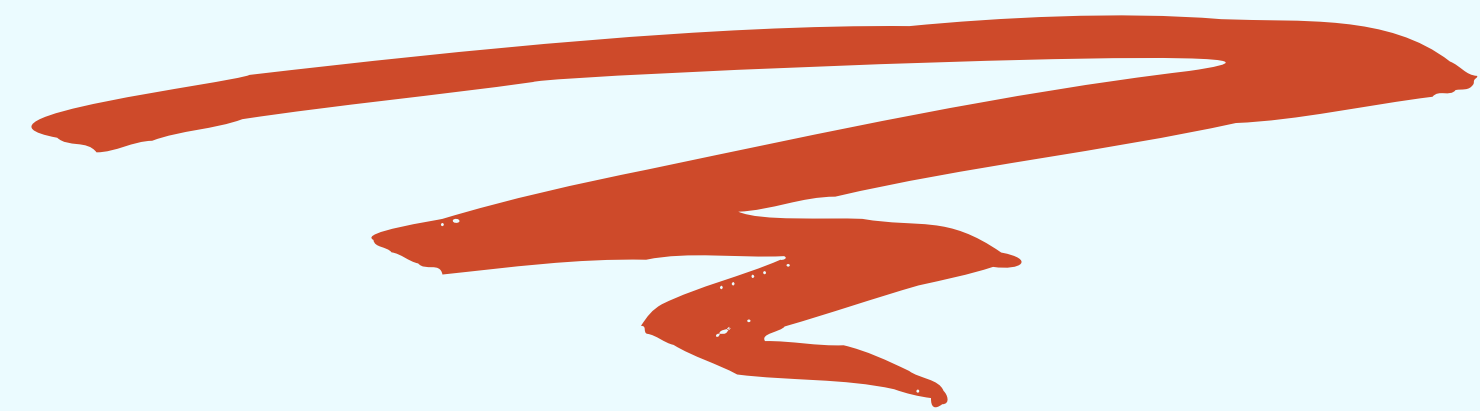
- What issues did you identify?
- How will improving this issue improve the lives of others?





LESSON PART TWO

MY IDEAS MATTER





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Brainstorm 2-3 solutions for the issue you discussed during the role-playing activity.

Try to think of at least one solution you can immediately help with.



LESSON: PART TWO

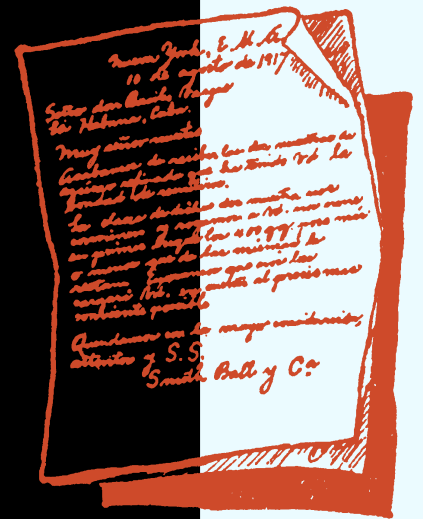


MY IDEAS MATTER

Write a letter to your teacher, principal, local politician, or mayor to raise social-awareness around this issue.

The letter should:

- Identify the issue you want to address.
- Propose the solution(s) you brainstormed.
- Explain why this issue matters and how the proposed solutions could help raise social-awareness.
- **The term social-awareness must be utilized in the letter.**



LESSON: PART TWO



TALK ABOUT IT

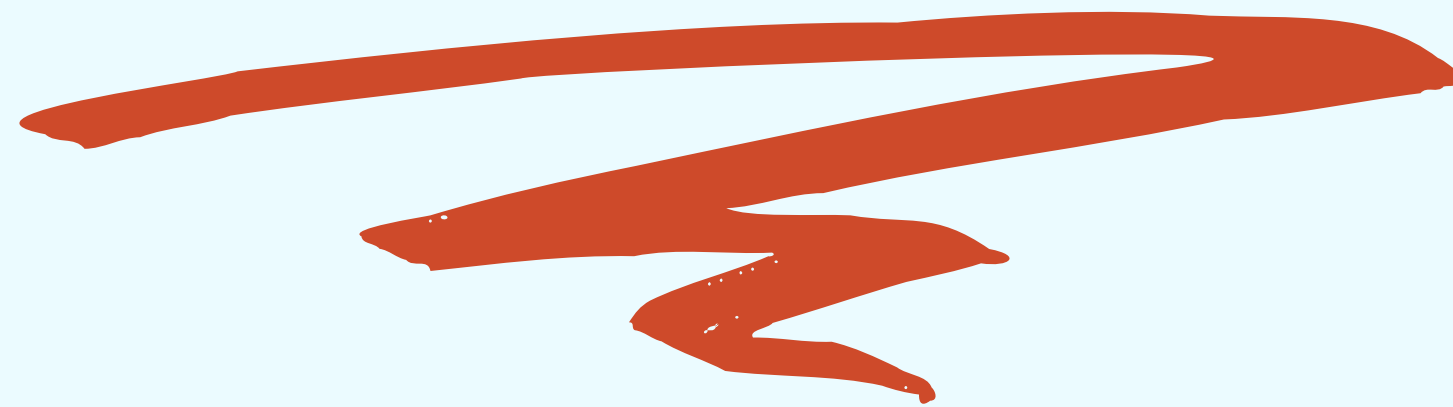
MY IDEAS MATTER

SHARE YOUR LETTER AND WHAT YOU HOPE
HAPPENS DUE TO YOU WRITING YOUR LETTER.





DEBRIEF / EXTENSION



THE GEN-Z MAYOR

We will mail or deliver our letters to the individuals we selected.

