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**Social Change and Civic Engagement**

**Aims:**

-to learn how to create a difference around themselves

-to iIdentify major social changes and their influence on society

-to understand the importance of civic participation and the tools which allow individuals to engage in the process

**Activity 1:**

-defining social change – brainstorming activity

“Social change, in sociology, the alteration of mechanisms within the social structure, characterized by changes in cultural symbols, rules of behaviour, social organizations, or value systems.”

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/social-change>

**Activity 2:**

-examples of social change during history

Examples of significant social changes having long‐term effects include

-the industrial revolution

-the abolition of slavery

-the feminist movement

<https://www.cliffsnotes.com/study-guides/sociology/social-change-and-movements/social-change-defined>

**Activity 3:**

Choose one of the social changes and present it to the class.

**Activity 4:**

-defining civic engagement

“Civic engagement involves “working to make a difference in the civic life of one’s community and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.”

1 Civic engagement includes both paid and unpaid forms of political activism, environmentalism, and community and national service.

2 Volunteering, national service, and service-learning are all forms of civic engagement.”

<https://youth.gov/youth-topics/civic-engagement-and-volunteering>

**Activity 5:**

Were you involved in civic activities? Give examples of civic engagement.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNiUDvfKl1o>

**Activity 6:**

Create a campaing to invite youth to get involved in civic engagement in your community.