**Activism: Active Social Change**

**Rationale**: As students of social studies, you have examined many historical pieces this year. Each of the historical pieces that you examined asked you to think thoughtfully about the world before you, and its impact on the society of the time, and the societies of today. There are current histories being made; histories that you can greatly impact. The ultimate goal of a social studies student is to become a positive history maker by taking the information learned and using it positively to change (affect) the community and world around them.

**Objective:** As a student of social studies, I will be able to examine current concerns of the world and determine my role in addressing (changing) those concerns through concerted research and analysis.

**Task:**

You have studied many instances, moments, and decades of injustice that far too many individuals and groups of people have faced in the world’s history. In the history to come far too many identities, individuals, and groups of people are expected to face similar injustices, and new injustices yet to have been seen in our history. Your task is to help prevent future injustice in the world. We will start by targeting the social injustices that have been discussed in class, that exist in the community and in the world.

**Step 1: Identify the Issues**

* Identify a social change you wish to champion. To do so, answer the following questions:
	+ What social issues do you see in the world around you?
	+ Which issue do you identify with the most?
	+ Why have you chosen this issue?
	+ Why do these issues exist?
	+ Who do these issues affect?
	+ How do these issues affect these people or groups?

**Step 2: Identify the Necessary Social Change**

* Address the issue and the social change that is necessary to fix the issue. To do so, answer the following questions:
	+ What could be done to change this issue you see in the world around you?
	+ What issues could arise in trying to combat (fight) this issue?
	+ How could you overcome the issues with combating the issue you chose?
	+ If the issue is to be fixed, how will the world look after it is fixed?
	+ What social changes will have occurred?

**Step 3: Activate your Knowledge & Motivations - https://www.niot.org/about**

**Step 4: Do Something to Change the Issue - Reflection**

* Activate Social Change:
	+ In the time given, what have you done to help fix the issue you chose?
	+ How did you go about helping fix the issue you chose?
	+ What will you do in the future to ensure the problem continues to be addressed?