

Create a World of Possible With the Power of Passion

BIGGER THAN WORDS: LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY



Directions: Each of these student leaders found his or her passion and set out on a course to change the world. Read these quotes, and see how they inspire you to create your own story. Then answer the questions that follow.

"Kids are passionate and can make a difference. It's just a matter of finding out what you care about and focusing on that."

—Yash Gupta, founder of Sight Learning

If someone asked you about the story of Gandhi, you might recall his famous quote **"Be the change you wish to see in the world."** But you don't have to be famous or even be an adult to have a unique story.

Books show us what others have done. They can also inspire us to achieve great things. Go out and create your own story. Here are stories of three young people who have done just that.

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When passion inspires you, everything is possible. Ask your teacher about the National Reader Leader Challenge, where you and your classmates can pledge to read for at least one hour a day for 30 days.

"My advice to anyone is that in order to make a positive change in the world, you need to find something you are passionate about and then you need to take steps to act."

—Ryan Hreljac, founder of the Ryan's Well Foundation

"You can't walk through a door of opportunity then close it for the people behind you. That's not what leaders do. Leaders leave an impact; good leaders leave an impact and teach others how to leave one too."

—Angellic Ross, alumna of Usher's New Look

1. Describe how these quotes are **"BIGGER THAN WORDS."**
2. Research the stories of Yash, Ryan, and Angellic. Do you identify with these leaders? Are there similarities or differences in their stories and your own?
3. How do you feel when you read about these leaders?
4. How do these leaders provide mentorship to other kids?
5. What is your personal talent or passion?

How to Get Started:

-  Find your unique **talent** and explore it.
-  Focus on **education**.
-  Explore a future **career**.
-  Do something good for the local and global community through **service**.



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